



CITY TREE COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

3 p.m.

Periwinkle Room, City Hall

Approved: February 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Watts called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Kris Watts, Jim Jansen, Brenda Sterner

Commissioners absent: Thomas Shrout,

Staff present: Rick Barnett, Park and Facilities Maintenance Manager, Emily Day, Natural Resources Specialist, Wayde Burrese, Park Maintenance II, Melissa Kemmer, Clerk III

Others present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 21st, 2019

MOTION: Jansen moved to approve the minutes. Watts seconded, which passed 3-0.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

Business from the public

None

Discussion items

- a. Election of Officers and New Commission Members
The Commission decided to wait until February to elect Chair and Vice Chair once the new Commission member has started.
- b. Tree Planting Update – Day
Day noted they were removing 109 trees, 143 stumps, and planting 86 trees in house. Day is hoping they will start replanting in February.
- c. 9th to Elm street improvement – Day
Public works is in the planning stage of removing trees. About 21 out of 70 trees will be removed because they are lifting sidewalks or dying.

- d. 21st Avenue tree removal/sidewalk repair – Day
The contractor removed 14 trees and will replant 9 more appropriate trees during the winter.
- e. Code violation 1762 17th Avenue SW – Barnett
The owner of the property cut down 6 or 7 trees. He claimed he didn't know he needed a permit and has arranged to help replant the trees.
- f. Code violation 1146 12th Avenue SW – Barnett
The owner will possibly be fined for removing a tree without a permit. She had a tree company remove the tree for her.
- g. 1226 Lafayette – Staylo Investments – Tree didn't need to come out – Barnett
This tree was just shedding bark. It did not need to be removed.
- h. 2535 SE 4th Avenue – Near Waverly School – Barnett
Tree removal permit was denied. The tree lost its top but there were no grounds to remove the tree.
- i. General tree health issues around town – Barnett
Birch trees are breaking due to wind and the fur trees still have bug issues.
- j. Removal of 2 Elms at old post office/old city hall building.
The old City Hall building is getting revamped. The two Elms will be removed for safety.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Barnett noted Nicolas Brown never appealed his tree permit denial. Walnut trees are in high demand because the wood is getting harder to find.

The white oak development is still in process. Brief discussion followed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2020, in the Calapooia Room at Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Commissioner Watts adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Kemmer,
Clerk III