



## CITY TREE COMMISSION

### MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2020

3 p.m.

Periwinkle Room, City Hall

Approved: July 16, 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 (3:03), Garry Barnes

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, Jeff Blaine, Public Works Engineering and Community Development Director

Others present: None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 16, 2020

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

#### SCHEDULED BUSINESS

##### Business from the public

None

##### Discussion items

- a. Welcome new members  
Garry Barnes was introduced as the new commission member. He would like to get more involved in the City.
- b. Discussion regarding changes in development code  
Jeff Blaine presented the new updates in the development code. Brief discussion followed.
- 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, March 19, 2020, in the Calapooia Room at Albany City Hall.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Commissioner Watts adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Kemmer,  
Clerk III