

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021
Amphitheater Lower Level Meeting Room**

Those in attendance included Committee Members Dave Wehmeyer, Bill Davit and Franz Meyer, John Steffens, Bob Briscoe, Gus Raeker, Gabe Waterhouse, Arborist Josh Wargo, Council Liaison Mark Hidritch and P&R Director Wayne Dunker

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Meeting was called to order by Wayne Dunker at 6:03 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Wehmeyer to accept the November 17, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion was approved.

Agenda Item #4: Communications from Audience – Mr. & Mrs. Thurston and Mike Mc Fatrich of 1st Parkway spoke about the diseased trees and asked questions about the replacement plan.

Agenda Item #5: Parks Report – Wayne Dunker reported the following:

- a. City is going to submit for a Trim Grant for the 1st Parkway tree removal and replanting project
- b. Young Short Leaf Pine Trees at Phoenix Park (next to tennis courts) were vandalized in November. Will need to replace one.
- c. Will have a cleanup of Crestview Water Tower Park during our February workday.

Agenda Item #6: Council Report – None

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Looking for UFC a member(s) to walk Crestview Water Tower Park and look for tree tags and posts that are missing or vandalized so Josh can order replacements.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. The Committee voted 5-0 to select the First Parkway Tree Replacement Plan OPTION 1 (with Scarlet Maples on the ends). The Council thought it was a nice selection of various trees with good height and good colors. The Council did not want to install another monoculture, in order to help avoid potential disease and pest problems in the future. Wayne is will have to figure out how to fund the removals and the replacement trees. Will look into doing a soil test. Engineering will work on laying out a plan showing utilities and existing trees and light poles. New trees will be spaced out more evenly amongst each other and the existing light poles. Uncertain when this project will begin due to funding. Fall may be the best time if it cannot be completed by early spring. Parks Department will distribute a color plan to the residents of the Parkway when all the details are finalized.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:00pm

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Wehmeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. Motion was approved.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL