

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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 and P&R Director Wayne Dunker. Those not present included Council Liaison Mark Hidritch.

**Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Wayne Dunker at 6:05 pm.

**Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Item #3: Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Committee Member Steffens, seconded by Committee Member Wehmeyer to accept the September 15, 2021 minutes as submitted. Motion was approved.

**Agenda Item #4: Communications from Audience** – None

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

- a. Tree Tagging was completed around the quarry at Miller Post with Washington school group in October

**Agenda Item #6: Council Report** – None

**Agenda Item #7: Old Business**

- a. Illegal Tree Removal along trail- still going through the court system
- b. Fall CommuniTree Grant – the majority of trees were planted at Main Park by this group during the October work day

**Agenda Item #8: New Business**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Parkway – Wayne stated the two most hazardous trees were removed from the parkway in November for a cost of \$2,400. Tree replacement plan was discussed along with applying for the TRIM grant through MDC. Group thinks all trees should be removed at the same time to allow for proper spacing around the street lights and to have a uniform look for the residents. Group was adamant regarding not replacing with a monoculture. Group provided suggestions to Josh Wargo for tree replacement plan based on aesthetics, natives, leaf type (for cleanup purposes) and least amount of fruit. Group asked Josh Wargo to supply two replacement options for the December meeting. Group will select an option at the next meeting and Wayne can mail the option to the residents after the meeting. Once option is selected, Wayne can then move forward with trying to secure grant funding for removals and replacements. 15-gallon replacement trees from Forest Keeling were suggested, as they would have the best chance of survival and cost would be approximately \$100 per tree.

- b. Crestview Water Tower Park - Wayne asked if some of the members could take an inventory of missing tree tags and posts at Crestview. Franz and Bill volunteered to do this in their free time. Wayne stated the next work meeting could be at the park to help clean up the park a bit.

**Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting** – Wednesday, December 15 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 6:55 pm. Motion was approved.

**MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL**