

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2021  
Lions Lake Pavilion #3**

Those in attendance included Committee Members Dave Wehmeyer, Bill Davit and Franz Meyer, John Steffens and Wayne Dunker P&R Director. Those not present included Gus Raeker, Bob Briscoe, Josh Wargo - Horticulturalist/Arborist and Councilman 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 July 21, 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. Parks Department received three (3) free tree donations from the United Way campaign. Donors had an option of donating their tree(s) to the City. A Labadie woman donated the three (3) trees.
- b. A carnival worked hit two (2) mature Maple Trees with a large truck/trailer on the Fairgrounds when leaving the Town & Country Fair. Trees are located across from the Fairgrounds Pavilion. Arborist, Josh Wargo, estimated the damages and an estimate was submitted to the carnival's worker's insurance company.
- c. Craig Small, of Craig's Tree Service, treated 10 of the Department's Ash Trees recently for the EAB. This is an every other year treatment, so the Department can treat 20 total Ash Trees (Same set of 10 trees, every other year).

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

**Agenda Item #7: Old Business**

- a. Illegal Tree Cleanup – Cleanup was completed in August along the East Riverfront Trail. Everything else still playing out in the courts.
- b. Fall CommuniTree Grant – Arborist, Josh Wargo, received a grant for CommuniTrees again. We will be planting these trees during the October workday at Main Park.

**Agenda Item #8: New Business**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Parkway Tree Plan – Wayne Dunker asked the group to come up with a replacement plan for the 18 trees located in the ride away on 1<sup>st</sup> Parkway. Committee mentioned mixing as many natives as possible and to avoid a monoculture. Vehicle sightlines and non-fruit bearing trees should also be considered.
- b. Crestview Water Tower Property – This property is officially a park. Park will receive a new park sign in the future. The back half of the area, where the water tower is located,

will still be under the Water Department's control and will be maintained by that department. Wayne noted this past spring some kids destroyed some of the tree tags while playing under the trees. Some tags need to be replaced. He suggested this group could do an inventory of what tags need to be replaced.

**Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting** – Wednesday, November 17 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**