

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024
Amphitheater / Main Stage – Lower Level Meeting Room**

Those in attendance included Committee Members John Steffens, Dave Wehmeyer, Gavin Woolley, Franz Mayer, Gabe Waterhouse Parks & Recreation Director Wayne Dunker and City Arborist Josh Wargo. Those absent included Committee Members Bill Davit, Bob Briscoe, Harvey Mendez and Council Liaison Mark Hidritch.

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order by Dunker at 6:02 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes – None. No quorum at November 15, 2023 meeting.

Agenda Item #5: Communications from Audience – None

Agenda Item #6: Parks Report

- a. Josh Wargo gave Tree Report – removal of Ash trees at Optimist, removal of Pear Trees around Lakeview Soccer Field #1, discussed planting of trees at Miller Post entrance/drive, discussed the Spring CommuniTree Project location – 9th Street buyout area, Dog Park and possibly Crestview Water Tower Park.

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Fairgrounds Tree Planting Update – Josh discussed the possible species to be planted, 16 possible locations, Wayne to give a map with possible tree locations marked and will present it to the Fair Board for approval.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Callery Pear Buy Back Program - Dave Wehmeyer and City staff met recently to discuss how this potential program could work. Dave gave presentation to the group. Still working out the details. Should have a firm plan by the next meeting in March. As of now, the plan is to advertise the program starting April 1 and at the City's Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration on April 20.
- b. Arbor Day/Earth Day 2024 – Saturday, April 20, 9-11:00am at the Farmers Market. Need UFC members at the event to talk to the public. Will have free seed, bulbs, tree samplings and educational information to give away.
- c. Gottfried's Cabin Tree Selection – Group selected the Sugar Maple as the replacement tree to be planted at the cabin, if Downtown Washington Inc Board decides they want another tree next to the cabin.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting – Workday, February 21, time TBA. Location: Crestview Water Tower Park – pruning and discuss new plants.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment - A motion was made by Committee Member Wooley, seconded by Committee Member Steffens to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. Motion was approved.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL