

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024
Amphitheater / Main Stage – Lower Level Meeting Room**

Those in attendance included Committee Members John Steffens, Dave Wehmeyer, Gavin Woolley, Franz Mayer, Harvey Mendez, William Davit, Bob Briscoe, Wayne Dunker and Josh Wargo. Those absent included Gabe Waterhouse and Mark Hidritch.

Agenda Item #1: Call Meeting to Order – Meeting called to order by Dunker at 6:00pm.

Agenda Item #2: Roll Call

Agenda Item #3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4: Approval of Minutes – January 17

Agenda Item #5: Communications from Audience – None

Agenda Item #6: Parks Report

- a. Tree Report (Josh Wargo) – trimmed a lot of trees this past winter including training smaller trees which we don't normally get to, removed 11 hazardous trees at Optimist Park including several Ash Trees, also removed some Pear Trees at Burger Park in the northside wetland area.
- b. Miller Post Nature Reserve Entryway Planting – this will be a planting along the Grand Avenue entryway. Josh is currently ordering trees for this project.
- c. Spring CommuniTree Project – grant approved – April workday – will plant at Optimist Park around ditch area and Miller Post entryway

Agenda Item #7: Old Business

- a. Fairgrounds Tree Planting Update – will plant in the fall. Wayne handed out a revised tree planting plan for this project.

Agenda Item #8: New Business

- a. Callery Pear Buy Back Program – Discussed the program and the flyer. Asked for edits to be sent to Wayne
- b. Arbor Day/Earth Day 2024 – Discussed the event and handed out the flyer. Asked for volunteers.
- c. New Tree Projects & City Hall Tree Cabling Project- We are looking for new tree projects. Possible projects could be a tree plan for the riverbank in front of the boat club area and/or adding more trees to Crestview Water Tower Park along the south property line. Engineering to mark the property line so we know how much room we have to work with. Craig Small is willing to trim, donate his time to cable the crown and then monitor the Elm's health over the next few years. Tree is located on the north side of City Hall. Parks would provide educational signage at the base of the tree. This is scheduled for the fall. This process should preserve this high profile tree for a few more years.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting – Workday, April 17, Miller Post Nature Reserve entrance area off of Grand Ave. at 6pm.

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