

TREE COMMISSION

December 20, 2010

The December 20, 2010 special Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Brown, Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Brown, Jim Geary, Judi Lambrite, Don Spiegel, and John Walker.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; and Chanda Neely, Daily Chief Union.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss upcoming tree trimmings and removals being planned by American Electric Power (AEP).

It was noted that AEP has announced plans to trim or remove trees away from power lines throughout the City.

Tree Commission members reviewed an initial list provided by AEP of one hundred fifty (150) trees located within the City right-of-ways slated for trimming or removal. It was noted that this list does not include trees located on residents private property.

It was noted that Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Urban Forester, will be meeting with Mr. Moore on January 5, 2011. They will be looking at all trees on the list and she will be advising if it's best to trim the trees or cut them down.

It was noted that many trees planted in 1997 under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) grant received by the City are in jeopardy of being trimmed or removed.

Mrs. Stephanie Miller will be attending the January 10, 2011 Tree Commission meeting to address questions from concerned residents. Mr. Moore indicated that he would like to have representatives from AEP attend that meeting also.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, for the City to place a notice in the newspaper of the next Tree Commission meeting to be held on January 10, 2011 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Sara Lou Brown, Chairman