

TREE COMMISSION

August 17, 2015

The August 17, 2015 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Sara Lou Binau, Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Sara Lou Binau, Judi Lambrite, Don Spiegel, and John Walker. Jim Wheeler was absent.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Matt Patchett, Parks Department; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the April 20, 2015 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the June 15, 2015 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Tree Commission members again discussed the bill for \$150.00 received by Mr. Tom Shumaker, 428 Front Street, for a tree that he removed from his yard in 2014. This matter was presented and discussed at the June 15, 2015 Tree Commission meeting. The Chairman requested input from the members of the Tree Commission on this issue. Mr. Spiegel indicated that in lieu of a similar incident which occurred on South Eighth Street that he feels Mr. Shumaker should pay for the tree.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Spiegel, to require Mr. Shumaker to pay the bill for \$150.00 for the tree. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Spiegel indicated that he wants to order a Buckeye tree to be planted in memory of his in-laws. It was noted that envelopes for tree donations can be obtained at the funeral homes or the Mayor's office. The Park Department would have to be contacted for a plaque for the tree.

Mr. Patchett reported that Park Department employees are filling holes throughout the City from stumps that have been removed.

Mr. Patchett also reported that Bill Sowers has been contracted for the removal of six street trees and hazard pruning of several more trees at a total cost of \$4,790.00.

Mr. Patchett noted that locations throughout the City are currently being scouted for fall tree plantings.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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