

TREE COMMISSION

January 11, 2016

The January 11, 2016 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Don Spiegel, Acting Chairman. Tree Commission members present were Don Spiegel and John Walker. Sara Lou Binau and Judi Lambrite were absent.

Others present included: Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he was contacted recently by a resident who had roots in his clay sewer tile and requested the City pay \$1,500.00 to repair the tile and to also cut down the tree located in the right-of-way in front of his property. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he informed the resident that the City does not repair private sewers and that cutting the tree down will not eliminate the root problem being experienced with the clay tile, and that the clay tile needs to be replaced. Mr. Niederkohr noted that there are no provisions in the City's ordinances to address issues like this and he suggested that measures be adopted to address similar issues in the future. Mr. Spiegel indicated that the Service Committee is looking to update the City's sewer ordinances and he will talk to Mr. Aaron Putnam, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, and Mr. Todd Jenkins, Peterman Associates, about including this information in the updates.

Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he and Mr. Matt Patchett, Parks Department employee, are working on a spring tree order of approximately sixty trees. It was noted that last year the City's tree order was split into two deliveries with one being in the spring and the other being in the fall, and Mr. Niederkohr would like to go back to ordering trees once a year. Possible planting locations were discussed including Rivers Edge Subdivision and Edgewood Drive.

Mr. Niederkohr stated that he has started the Tree Academy and Mr. Matt Patchett is completing the Tree Academy and they will be working later this year on a Senior project together and both will be graduating the Tree Academy in December 2016.

Mr. Niederkohr inquired about a list of trees prohibited from planting within the City's right-of-ways. It was noted that this information can be found in the City's Zoning and Building Regulations.

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Don Spiegel, Acting Chairman