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CITY TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

April 22, 2021 8:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Chairman Wolf called the regular meeting of the City Tree Board to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked for Roll Call. Vice-Chairman Trask led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Wolf (Zoom)

Vice Chairman Gene Trask

Member Harry Rhea

Member Irene Chachas

Member Candice Campeau

City Officials and staff present:

City Clerk Jennifer Lee

Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft

Mayor Nathan Robertson (Zoom)

Members of the Public Present: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE TREE BOARD.

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the City of Ely Tree Board through December 31, 2021.

Member Chachas moved to elect Bill Wolf as Chairman of the City of Ely Tree Board through December 31, 2021. Member Campeau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Chachas moved to elect Gene Trask as Vice-Chairman of the City of Ely Tree Board through December 31, 2021. Chairman Wolf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation that May 8, 2021 be proclaimed Arbor Day in the City of Ely.

Member Rhea stated Tree City USA Arbor Day requirements are to have a Proclamation but not an activity due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Member Rhea moved to recommend approval of May 8, 2021 being proclaimed as Arbor Day in the City of Ely. Vice-Chairman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Rhea stated on May 8, 2021, he will be helping with a clean-up effort at 9:00 a.m. on *Highway 50* with the Knights of Columbus. This clean-up activity could be considered an Arbor Day event.

Chairman Wolf stated he will get with Member Rhea to establish a sign-up list for the event.

3. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation directing City Attorney to draft ordinance revision changing Tree Board members from 9 to 5.

Member Rhea stated this is a good idea as it will be easier to meet quorum requirements for meetings.

Member Rhea moved to recommend approval of directing City Attorney to draft an ordinance revision changing Tree Board members from 9 to 5 with quorum requirement listed in the Ordinance. Member Campeau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to budget \$1,000.00 in FY22 for Tree Board projects for community beautification in the City of Ely.

Chairman Wolf stated this funding will be great to buy trees or start the nursery project that we have been discussing.

Member Rhea moved to recommend approval to budget \$1,000.00 in FY22 for Tree Board projects for community beautification in the City of Ely. Member Chachas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Board Members – Public Works Supervisor Cracraft – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to budget \$6,000.00 in FY22 to remove dead trees in the City of Ely Cemetery.

Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated there are a couple of trees that need to be removed in the cemetery and the \$6,000.00 is budgeted for the fiscal year 2022. The trees are breaking off and are needing to be removed by someone with expertise; Levi Garcia will be doing the work.

Member Rhea stated when trees are planted, pruned, removed, or any tree activity, he would like that information including any expenditures to report on the tree city USA Application. If the City Staff completes the work and there is not external expense, he would like the time spent and what the city put out in wages for the project to be completed.

Member Chachas asked are there any plans for future planting of trees in the cemetery?

Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated not at this time; usually it is people with family members in the cemetery that ask to plant trees.

Chairman Wolf asked does Levi Garcia had experience in cutting and trimming trees? I encourage those doing that kind of work to get training to trim and cut trees correctly, so we can keep the business local; it may be something to talk about further in the future.

City Clerk Lee stated for the record, the amount that was budgeted does not need to be put out to bid. The Public Works Supervisor has discretion on who is hired.

Member Campeau moved to approve the recommendation to budget \$6,000.00 in FY22 to remove dead trees in the City of Ely Cemetery. Member Rhea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Rhea asked Public Works Supervisor Cracraft to let him know what trees are being removed at the cemetery so it can be adjusted on the inventory of trees in the City of Ely.

Chairman Wolf stated I emailed Andi Porreca with Nevada Department of Forestry to get a map of the trees in Ely but will contact her again.

4. REPORTS

City Clerk Lee stated Councilman Flangas was not able to make the meeting as he was not feeling well.

Member Rhea stated I would like to start talking and planning for the tree nursery in Ely soon.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE CITY TREE BOARD.

Chairman Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at **8:16 a.m.** Vice-Chairman Trask seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.



CHAIRMAN



ATTEST