



CITY OF ELY

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CITY TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Chairman Bill Wolf called the regular meeting of the Ely City Tree Board to order at 8:00 A.M.

Members present:

Chairman Bill Wolf

Vice Chairman Candice Campeau (Zoom)

Member Gene Trask

Member Tami Church

Members absent:

Member Harry Rhea

City Officials and staff present in the building or via video conference:

Councilwoman Samantha Elliott

City Clerk Jennifer Lee

City Treasurer/HR Director Janette Trask

City Attorney Leo Cahoon

City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft

City Fire Chief Pat Stork

City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below) and the following persons attended via video conference: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. REPORTS

➤ MEMBER TRASK

Member Trask stated we will be planting trees at the White Pine Golf Course on Sunday.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 4A-1 Minutes.

Moved by: Member Church Second by: Member Trask Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.

- June 8, 2023
- June 22, 2023

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Retroactive approval of tree planting west of the White Pine County Historic Courthouse, located at 801 Clark Street, as a memorial to Pyramid Lake Police Officer Anthony Francone killed in the line of duty.

Chairman Wolf stated the Francone family was very appreciative and thankful for this planting. His dad Mike and wife Debbie stated they are looking forward to coming to where the tree is planted and being around the tree. It was a spur of the moment thing to do this. The tree is a red oak from Cedar City and it cost \$150.00 out of the City Tree Board budget.

Member Trask moved to retroactively approve tree planting west of the White Pine County Historic Courthouse, located at 801 Clark Street, as a memorial to Pyramid Lake Police Officer Anthony Francone killed in the line of duty. Member Church seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairman Wolf – Adam Strouse of the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) – Discussion/For Possible Action – Update regarding tree health on parcels: 001-481-01, 001-255-02, 001-48-104, 001-26-401, 001-30-101, with possible recommendation to offer and/or use a portion of future grant funding towards tree care in these areas.

Good Afternoon Bill,

The total project area looks like it is 68 acres. The total cost can be adjusted if acres are added or taken away. This project will be billed at an acre rate. The NDF grant coordinator said he suggests that the County or City apply for the grant and hire us as a contractor to complete the project. Here is the cost break down.

68 Acres at \$2,000 per acre = \$136,000
188 hours for chipper at \$94 per hour = \$12,784
Project Total = \$148,784.

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If you have any more questions, please reach out.

Thanks,
Adam Strouse
Forester I
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Nevada Division of Forestry
1213 N Industrial Way
Ely NV 89301

Chairman Wolf stated the idea of this project is to clear out the diseased and dead trees to reduce the fire hazard.

City Fire Chief Stork stated behind the Robison's house there is a lot of growth and there is growth right up to some of the homes in that area that needs to be cleared as it could be a real hazard.

Chairman Wolf stated he will work with City Fire Chief Stork and Nevada Division of Forestry Forester I, Adam Strouse, to look at maps and pinpoint the areas we want to address to put together a grant request that would go to the City Council for their approval.

Member Church moved for Chairman Wolf, City Fire Chief Stork and Nevada Division of Forestry Forester I, Adam Strouse to gather information regarding the tree health on parcels: 001-481-01, 001-255-02, 001-48-104, and 001-30-101 with recommendation for approval to use a portion of future grant funding towards tree care in these areas. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Discussion with possible recommendation of an “Adopt a Corner” Program for businesses and organizations to care for future vegetation on Aultman Street, to be installed by the Nevada Department of Transportation as part of their Ely Downtown Project, and other possible methods to minimize care and upkeep of proposed planters.

Chairman Wolf stated this is a project that Member Church is interested in heading up.

Member Trask moved to recommend approval of an “Adopt a Corner” Program for businesses and organizations to care for future vegetation on Aultman Street, to be installed by the Nevada Department of Transportation as part of their Ely Downtown Project, and other possible methods to minimize care and upkeep of proposed planters. Member Campeau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Determination of recommendations on the Nevada Department of Transportation's Downtown Ely Landscaping and Green

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Infrastructure Project plans, with approval to send said recommendations to the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Chairman Wolf stated he will get with NDOT to recommend that the tree being put in near 1st National Bank of Ely not block the clock and stated this is the landscaping that has been reviewed at the last couple of meetings.

Member Campeau moved to recommend sending said recommendations to the Nevada Department of Transportation with a letter of appreciation and acceptance of the Nevada Department of Transportation's Downtown Ely Landscaping and Green Infrastructure Project plans. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation to apply for an Urban and Community Forestry Grant through the Nevada Division of Forestry to produce an overlay map of trees that are on City right-of-way or intruding on City right-of-way.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated this item I would defer to City Engineer AlMBERG for production of an overlay map.

Chairman Wolf stated I did talk to City Engineer AlMBERG, and he stated it would cost about \$50,000.00 to have that produced.

City Fire Chief Stork stated for \$50,000.00 I think you can print some maps off of Google Earth and have someone drive around and circle where the problem areas are. It would be simple to do, and I don't think it is worth wasting \$50,000.00 on.

Chairman Wolf stated I think the issue is the trees that are in the City right of way. The trees that are intruding from private land into public land are probably an issue for the City Attorney.

City Fire Chief Stork stated that would be simple to do too.

City Clerk Lee stated it gets a little confusing because private property owners have the responsibility to clear the snow and debris off of their sidewalks, but it is still a public right-of-way.

City Administrative Assistant Cobb stated we have residents that turn in complaints of obstructions on sidewalks, and we send a letter to the property owner giving them a timeline to clean whatever it may be up and if not done within that timeline there is an abatement process that is approved by the City Council. If people do see a tree or brush intruding into a City right-of-way they can fill out a complaint form and we can try to address it that way.

Chairman Wolf stated item dies for lack of motion.

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6. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of City of Ely tree pruning priority list and quote provided by Public Works Director with possible approval to apply for a Community Forest Program grant through the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) with a 50% match required of the City of Ely.

City Clerk Lee stated there are two grants listed on the Nevada Division of Forestry’s website. This one requires a fifty percent match and the other one may work for some of these activities, but it looked like it was mostly for planning.

Chairman Wolf stated the fifty percent match can be in-kind and not cash.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated we have identified five trees in the cemetery, and we are waiting for a local contractor to give us a quote. I can say from past work we have had done it is about \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 a tree.

Chairman Wolf stated I am not sure how we will get a match with that unless the City has some money for that.

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated you could always ask for money out of the Community Service Funds for the match.

City Clerk Lee stated I would recommend making a motion so this can go forward to the Council because the deadline is in December I believe, and the motion will need to include who on the Tree Board is going to apply for it. I am available as a resource and so is Mike, but the Tree Board needs to apply. This is approval to apply and not to accept yet. First, the City would have to have a grant agreement and it would have to be awarded to accept.

Chairman Wolf stated he would work applying for this grant with the City of Ely if the Council approves moving forward.

Member Church moved to recommend approval for Chairman Wolf of the City Tree Board to apply for a Community Forest Program grant through the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) with a 50% match required of the City of Ely for City of Ely tree pruning. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to participate in tree plantings to be held Sunday, October 15, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m., at the White Pine County Golf Course and the City of Ely Landfill.

Chairman wolf stated Member Trask and Member Church will be at the White Pine County Golf Course and Member Rhea and I will be at the Landfill to do the plantings.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated I will make sure there are sixteen holes dug.

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Member Trask moved to approve participation by Tree Board Members in the tree plantings to be held Sunday, October 15, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m., at the White Pine Golf Course and the City of Ely Landfill. Member Church seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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

Member Trask moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Tree Board at 8:34 a.m. Member Church seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



CHAIRMAN



ATTEST