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CITY TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

June 26, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Chairwoman Campeau called the regular meeting of the Ely City Tree Board to order at 8:00 A.M., led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and did roll call.

Members present:

Chairwoman Candice Campeau

Vice Chairman Gene Trask

Member Levi Garcia

Member Laurie Carson

Members absent

Member Tami Church

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

Councilwoman Melody Van Camp

City Clerk Jennifer Lee

City Treasurer-HR Director Janette Trask

City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft

City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: The following people attended via video conference: none

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

City Administrative Assistant Cobb stated I have listened to the Zoom recording for the April 11, 2025 City Tree Board meeting and confirm the minutes accurately reflect the meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 3A-1 Minutes.

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

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.
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B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Campeau – Discussion/For Possible Action – Selection of date and time to plant trees at the Ely Cemetery in coordination with the City Public Works Director.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated I would like to meet with Dale, the Parks and Cemetery Leadman, to see where he recommends these trees should go.

Councilwoman Van Camp asked, “How many trees are going to get planted?”

City Treasurer Trask stated \$3,455.10 is budgeted to be spent on purchasing the trees to be planted.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated the kind of tree needs to be decided on.

Member Garcia stated I definitely think species is a big decision for what the City cemetery would like to do in the future and what Bath Lumber’s availability is. Lisa, with Nevada plants, has access to a lot of different species as well. She is always getting grants and could maybe donate more trees as well. Will Dale and his crew plant them or will it be put out for bid?

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated we will plant them, and I know in the past the Tree Board members have shown up to help.

Member Garcia stated I would like to donate my services.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated the biggest question is where we want to plant them and that would be the conversation I need to have with Dale because his crew will be the ones that will need to maintain them after they are planted.

Councilwoman Van Camp asked when is the best time to plant these trees, because you are not going to plant them in the dead of summer are you? Would you do it in early fall?

Member Garcia stated I would recommend doing it in the early spring or we are still planting trees as of right now. If we get hit with a rush of heat, then you just get extra water to them during that time.

City Clerk Lee stated just a recommendation, because we've been working with the grants. The grant that we currently have under the Inflation Reduction Act could potentially be affected; It hasn't been yet, but I would recommend moving forward with the money that you've got, buying the trees, and getting the project done. Just to be clear I'm not sure if the City wants to go after more grants until things settle down a little bit, and we have an idea of what's staying and what's not.

City Public Works Director Cracraft stated the cemetery is manually watered and if we have water going in the same section every day we are going to have a fight on our hands. I think we should maybe put this off until fall or spring.

Member Garcia stated that's a big thing, too, with species; you could go with something really resilient like box elders. I know they can be a nuisance, but if they're nurtured from a young age, they won't be such a problem tree later, and they're really resilient to the lack of water. We don't see a hundred percent success rate which most people want. The only guarantee in the tree industry is that Mother Nature will do what it wants, and so I think the sooner the better for planting the trees and spending the money that we have for them. Watering can be addressed intermittently if needed and I don't mind volunteering if you wouldn't mind as I have a mobile water tank.

Member Garcia moved to meet with Dale to plan for the placement of trees at the cemetery and decide on a date to start planting them. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

City Public Works Director asked who is going to meet with Dale?

Member Garcia stated I can.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

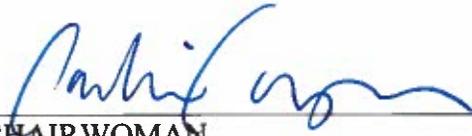
City Clerk Lee stated we have been waiting, as everyone knows, for this State software to do tree inventory for free and the last word I got from the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) was the State has finally executed the contract with Davey Tree. So, we've got a company, we've got a contract, but it's not launched yet. I emailed them again last night to ask if there was an estimated time of arrival (ETA) because if we just had a date when it would be available, then we could release the bid invitation. We still have the pruning, and the tree inventory left on that grant for the cemetery, and the inventory is citywide.

Member Garcia asked how much is left in that budget?

City Clerk Lee stated \$55,000, which is \$5,000 over the threshold that we have to go out to bid.

5. 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 8:14 a.m. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


CHAIRWOMAN


ATTEST