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CITY TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Vice Chairman 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 asked for roll call.

Members present:

Chairman Bill Wolf (Zoom)
Vice Chairman Candice Campeau
Member Gene Trask
Member Tami Church

Members absent:

Member Harry Rhea

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

City Public Works Director Mike Cracraft
City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb

Also, in attendance: The following people attended via video conference: Andi Porreca

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.

- November 15, 2024

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Wolf – Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Specialist Andi Porreca – Discussion Only – Update on the City’s Urban and Community Forestry grant and NDF’s tree inventory software available for local public entity use.

Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Specialist Andi Porreca stated my new boss, Danielle, has been working with Davy Tree as they are the ones that got awarded the contract. They are finalizing what data sets they want to be able to use in the contract and they should have that finalized and submitted to our fiscal folks to be signed early next week. Once that contract is awarded, we will send out an email to all of our sub-awardees and let them know when that will be available to them to use at their discretion for their tree inventories.

Chairman Wolf asked, “is this the contract to do all the surveys or is it just for the software?”

Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Specialist Andi Porreca stated It's just the software, not the contract that Davey will do the individual surveys.

Chairman Wolf asked, “The City will still have to contract for our portion?”

Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Specialist Andi Porreca stated yes, but if you want to use the software to do your own surveys you are more than welcome to do that.

Chairman Wolf stated the other part of the grant was the work we had done already. I guess Mike can maybe tell us how much they've got done on the tree cutting, and where they are at with replacing the trees.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated we have had eleven trees cut down, as we all know, and that's all we have done. I guess the next agenda item is to replace the trees. We are waiting to do the trimming and pruning until we find out more about the funding.

2. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to use up to \$3,455.10 of Community Service Funds committed to the Tree Board for new trees for Ely Cemetery.

Chairman Wolf stated the one thing I'd like to bring up is I think there is a little bit of confusion and correct me if I'm wrong, Andi, but that the grant that we cut the trees down with also had a provision in it to where, for every tree that was cut down, there was going to be a tree replaced.

Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Specialist Andi Porreca stated it was budgeted.

Chairman Wolf stated I guess the question then, is to Mike, do we have a plan for that yet?

Public Works Director Cracraft stated I have been waiting for approval to look into buying the trees, but you said the grant had money in it to replace the trees?

Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Specialist Andi Porreca stated it should be if the fundings weren't allocated towards something else.

Administrative Assistant Cobb stated to my knowledge, we put out a bid for those eleven trees to be removed and had that completed, but no other work has been bid out with all the federal funding being halted to make sure we are still going to get the remainder of that money. Do you know if the rest of that grant money will be available?

Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Specialist Andi Porreca stated yes, it will be.

Administrative Assistant Cobb stated Bill, that would probably be more of a question for Jennifer and Janette, on moving forward with a proposal to do any of that work under that grant. This \$3,455.10 has already been budgeted to the Tree Board to do what you wish with.

Vice Chairman Campeau stated we should wait until we know more about the grant money before we spend this money.

Administrative Assistant Cobb stated we were waiting on the tree survey to see what that was going to cost, and I believe the pruning and replacement of trees were pending until we knew the cost of that.

Chairman Wolf stated I guess in my mind I saw three separate tasks that would each be completed, but I suppose it does make sense to wait and see what the bill comes in for the tree inventory survey, because it may come in higher than what we had originally thought.

Nevada Division of Forestry Conservation Specialist Andi Porreca stated on your deliverables it says to replant eleven trees with resilient species, so you did budget for that in your grant.

Chairman Wolf stated it is one of the deliverables, so I guess we need to sit and talk with Mike about how we meet that deliverable.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated I thought there was some hang with the money having to wait for the survey.

Administrative Assistant Cobb stated I think we were waiting to see how much money was left after the survey to see if there was money to plant those trees. That was my impression, but I could be wrong.

Public Works Director Cracraft stated that's always been my understanding too.

Chairman Wolf stated we are in the position of the grant saying we will replace the trees that we cut down and so that's a deliverable that we have to plant eleven trees, no matter what. I would say we need to get those trees planted so they can be included in the survey. the money we are talking about in this item I think we had talked about doing a planting in a section of the cemetery as kind of an Arbor Day event and was unrelated to planting the trees that were taken out. I do agree with what Mike is saying in that maybe we ought to hold off on that until we find out where we're at with the contract to do the survey, and we may end up having to use that money instead to plant trees to meet the grant deliverables.

Administrative Assistant Cobb stated you could table this item and then when the software is available, and we have more specifics we could have a quick meeting.

Member Trask moved to table the approval to use up to \$3,455.10 of Community Service Funds committed to the Tree Board for new trees for Ely Cemetery. Member Church seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation that May 3, 2025, be proclaimed Arbor Day in the City of Ely for a joint tree planting with the White Pine County School District.

Chairman Wolf stated we had originally talked about May 3rd being Arbor Day with the School District, but they want to do it on April 25th and do a tree planting with Nevada Trees supplying the trees for this event. There will be eight trees up behind the courthouse and eight trees at David E. Norman planted for this event. Lund and Baker have a grant from a year ago to plant trees, and I believe they're going to be jumping on board as part of this, but I don't know for sure. At the next meeting I can sure bring everybody up to speed on where they're at on those.

Chairman Wolf moved to recommend that April 25, 2025, be proclaimed Arbor Day in the City of Ely for a joint tree planting with the White Pine County School District. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

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

Member Church moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Tree Board at **8:17 a.m.**
Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



CHAIRMAN



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