

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 @ 8:00 A.M.

City Hall/Conference Room

- 1.) The September meeting was called to order by Chairman Werner.
- 2.) Roll Call: Don Denor, Tom Sasse (+ 8:02), Orlando Sohrweide, Jeff Werner
Others Present: Director of Forestry John Bostedt
- 3.) **Denor motioned approval of Agenda as presented; Sohrweide called second. (3 Ayes)**
- 4.) **Approval of meeting minutes from 8/16/2017 issued from Sohrweide with a second of Denor. (3 Ayes)**
- 5.) Public Input: None.
- 6.) Correspondence: The Northeastern WI Forest Health Update WI DNR remains unavailable due to City Hall computer problems: we wait for resolution.

7.) Discussion/possible recommendation/update on the following:

a.) **Fall/spring planting suggestions**— A recall of last months intent: roundabouts; a City Park flowering crab memorial tree; 1 tree on Cross St.; and a need for 4 trees as identified by Superintendent Wusterbarth, finally a replacement Sherman tree and the 2 trees in front of the Governor's Mansion which did not thrive due to the owners alternate care landscaping choice: \$150 per tree. Due to WI wet summer this year, we have hopes of a mid- or end month September planting. One Bond Center tree replanting is also potential as both Bostedt and Sohrweide intend to investigate it thereafter this meeting.

b.) **Tree City Awards** include a brass plaque, hat, flag, and lapel pin. City status has been applied to local signs. The Committee also is looking ahead to a new year with student posters.

c.) **Tree City Growth Award**— Discussion centered on what new activity we can claim: A-6 Website; A-7 Education; A-10 Committee Education. This year's application is due 12/17. It is unfortunate that the Federal Program has not looked at small cities as their own entity as several suggestions could not be accomplished by small city government. Director Bostedt will contact Tracey Salisbury/DNR with our present selection for application and suggestions will be made accordingly. Then we can focus on the 2018 Tree City.

d.) **Grants for 2018**— We await the ATC information. (Any other Grants available?) We would still like to see our tree inventory 50/50 Urban Forestry Grant among our success.

e.) **2018 Budget**— The Forestry Budget was distributed by Bostedt. As the Committee reviewed it, Sasse reported that Marinette County is now among EAB infestation. It is eminent that time will bring it here so we will need our budget in place to deal with it. **Denor approved the 2018 Forestry Budget including \$600.00 for training/conferences; \$2,000.00 for 2018 tree planting and \$4,500.00 for EAB infestation. Sasse called second. (4 Ayes)**

Sasse also called for a carry over of the balance from the \$14,334.00 spent from 2017 fall tree planting to the 2018 Budget. Sohrweide motioned second. (4 Ayes)

8.) Next meeting date/time: **Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @ 8 a.m.**

Agenda items: White lilac planting on Main; 2017 Tree City Growth Award; Grants for 2018; 2018 Poster Contest

9.) **Denor sounded adjournment; Sohrweide issued second @ 8:35 a.m. (M/C)**

Minutes submitted by Susan K. Seidl