

Taylorville City Tree Board Meeting
June 9, 2015

Members Present:

Barb Grabner-Kerns
Richard Hughes
Kira Propst
Phyllis Wilson
Alderman Budd

Also Present:

Alderman Moore
Kay Masterson
James Maple

Chairman Barb Grabner-Kerns called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

First agenda item discussed was the request of Kay Masterson to remove the 3 walnut trees located at 402 N. Pine. The board previously discussed and made a motion for the city to take down the middle tree. The request for an arborist to look at the trees was denied due to the cost. The board discussed the immediate removal of the middle tree and trimming of the north and south trees away from the home and the yard. Richard Hughes will contact a few people to see if they would be interested in purchasing the trees from the city for lumber.

First motion on this item for the middle tree and stump to be removed by the city and the other two trees to be trimmed immediately by the city was made by Phyllis Wilson and seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Second motion on this item for Richard Hughes to explore sawmills and/or individuals to purchase the north and south trees on property as well as other trees located on Snodgrass was made by Barb Grabner-Kerns seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Second agenda item discussed was the request of Superintendent Dick Wiseman to remove 2 sweet gum trees located at the empty lot east of 1001 E. Stevenson. There are hanging limbs in both trees and the west tree is in poorest condition.

Motion for the city to take down the west tree and remove stump and only trim the east tree as well as plant a replacement shade tree from the approved city tree list was made by Phyllis Wilson and seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Third agenda item discussed was the request of Carol Dees to remove 2 birch trees located at 1201 W. Vine. Both trees appear to be dying and are visibly cracked. The homeowner provided pictures to Phyllis Wilson to provide a better view of trees.

Motion for the city to remove both trees and stumps and replace with trees from the approved city tree list was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Fourth agenda item discussed was the request of James Maple to remove an

ash tree and a sweet gum tree located at 1000 W. Main Cross. The ash tree is located right on the corner of W. Main Cross and Cheney and is in very poor condition. The sweet gum tree is close to the home as well as the intersection.

First motion on this item for the city to remove the ash tree and stump and the homeowner to replace with a smaller flowering tree was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Second motion on this item for the city to remove the sweet gum tree and stump and the homeowner to replace with a smaller tree was made by Phyllis Wilson seconded by Kira Propst. Motion carried 4-0.

Fifth agenda item discussed was recruiting new members. The board welcomed Richard Hughes as the newest member of the board. Discussed putting an ad in the local news paper. No leads on new members.

Sixth agenda item discussed was the resignation of the current acting chairman of the tree board, Barb Grabner-Kerns. She will resign as of September 1, 2015. Will continue as chairman until then.

Seventh agenda item discussed was a maple tree brought to the attention of Kira Propst located at 727 W. Vine. The tree is visibly hollow from the base of the trunk upward. Will formally discuss at the next tree board meeting.

No other matters were brought before the board.

Motion by Kira Propst seconded by Phyllis Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.



Kira Propst, Secretary