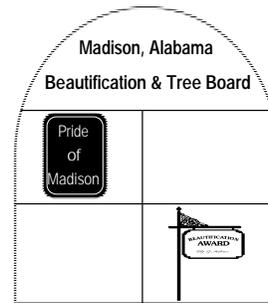


**City of Madison  
Beautification and Tree Board  
Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
Conference Room, City Hall  
6:00 p.m.**



**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Karen Lawler, Alice Tucker, Tom Irby, Lisa Thomas, Julie Ray, Dorothy Thomas, Joe Hackett, Rose Berry, Ray Lewis and Councilman Gerald Clark.

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Invited Guests:** Kory Alfred, Stoney Gray, Ken Creel, Lee McBride, Meredith Kilby, and Linda Johnston.

**Proceedings:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Karen Lawler.

Finance report was provided by Lisa Thomas, Treasurer:

- \$ 11,669.95 (Beautification Board)
- \$ 5,693.00 (Tree Board)

**Tree Board Updates:**

**Dublin Park Tree Report:**

Madison Park and Recreation Director, Kory Alfred, and Arborist, Stoney Gray, presented detailed results of the Dublin Park tree survey. The survey was initiated by the Park and Recreation Office in response to a potentially hazardous tree situation at Dublin Park. The briefing to the Tree Board was to provide awareness of the results and to determine if the Tree Board would provide support in replacing unhealthy trees designated for removal. The Tree Board agreed to support tree replacement and took an action to include this cost in the Tree Board budget for 2013.

**Poster Contest:**

Lisa Thomas and Alice Tucker reported that the judging for the annual poster was scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Dublin park recreation center. Monetary prizes of \$60, \$40, \$30 and \$15 will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners for each school. The winning 1<sup>st</sup> place posters will be displayed in the display case at the Madison Public Library and at Dublin Park. In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup>

place winning posters for each school will be submitted to the Anniston Office for state judging.

**Arbor Day Tree Planting Update:**

The spring planting for 2013 Arbor Day is scheduled for the morning of February 19<sup>th</sup> at Dublin Park. Mayor Trulock and Councilman Clark will assist in the planting of three (3) ball & burlap Redbud trees.

**Madison Arbor Week Workshop at Dublin Park:**

The Madison Arbor Week Workshop is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, at Dublin Park. Topics are being confirmed and additional information will be provided at the February board meeting.

**Beautification Board Updates:**

**Projects/Programs - 2013**

Karen Lawler provided information on all planned programs for the Beautification and Tree Board for the coming year. Calendar and initial budget allocations for those programs were also discussed. Karen also noted that as a method for providing continuity to Board members from one year to the next, a handbook containing details of how each program is conducted will be developed. The handbook would also include points-of-contact, allocated resources, and lessons-learned for each program. To aid in the development of this handbook, all Board members were requested to bring detailed descriptions of the programs they are supporting to the February meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm**

**Minutes submitted by Julie Ray**