

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall
5:30 p.m.



Attendees:

Karen Lawler, Beth Agee, Meredith Kilby, Amber Braman, Marsha Harris, Julie Ray, Karen Forsyth, Gerald Clark, and volunteer, Liz Smith.

Absent:

Alice Tucker and Hollye Raines

Guests:

Mr. & Mrs. Jake Kendall

Minutes

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Karen Lawler.

The minutes from the meeting held January 19, 2016 were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Ray reported that the current balance is \$25,271.33. The 2016 Budget was approved by the Board with a few minor adjustments.

Arbor Day Poster Contest

Marsha Harris reported the posters were judged on January 27, 2016 and have been sent to Anniston. The awards ceremony will be held February 22, 2016 at the City Council Meeting. Invitations have been sent. Kim Lindsey, in the Mayor's Office, is having the certificates prepared and signed by the Mayor. There were four schools that participated.

The Arbor Day Proclamation will be signed at the City Council Meeting on February 22, 2016.

Marsha will contact Dr. Dee Fowler, Superintendent of Madison City Schools, later in the year about the poster contest next year. Karen Lawler will attend the meeting with Marsha.

Arbor Day Tree Planting

Liz Smith reported the Arbor Day planting will be held February 24th at noon with the Mayor. The planting of the tree will be in front of City Hall.

Arbor Day Workshop

Dr. Airhart will be here for the planting of the tree at City Hall. Liz Smith will plan to take Dr. Airhart and possibly Marc Beyer for dinner, 4-5 p.m. Mayor Trulock will give the welcome and introduce Dr. Airhart at the workshop. Dr. Airhart will be the first guest speaker and Marc Beyer will be the second guest speaker. Liz confirmed a third speaker, Joe MacFall, who will speak on tree safety. The workshop will be held 5:15 - 9 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Meredith Kilby has the registration form posted to www.keepmadisonbeautiful.org. She will continue to advertise the event.

Karen Lawler, Julie Ray, and Beth Agee will help with refreshments for the evening.

Jake Kendall was an invited guest by Liz Smith. He may be interested in joining the Board. Jay is a new landscaper in Madison. He will meet Liz at Catbird Seat on February 24th to pick up the trees for the Arbor Day tree planting. Liz will call 811 to get the utilities checked and marked before digging the holes for the trees.

Adopt-A-Mile:

Beth Agee reported she will be developing a calendar with Gerald in order to track trash collection due to requirements for the City and the State.

Cemetery Planting

The cemetery committee is requesting four benches to be installed in the cemetery.

Gerald will send Karen Lawler the master planting plan for the cemetery plantings.

Meredith Kilby will send Karen Lawler the name of an Eagle Scout interested in a project. He may be interested in working with the Board with the planting at the cemetery.

Beautification Awards/Judging

Amber Braman reported the judging form has been updated and will be accumulative points this year.

The Board agreed the Beautification Awards judging date will be May 19, 2016. There will be a focus on annuals/perennials this year. Applicants will apply online beginning March 1. Checks will need to be received by April 8.

The June Board meeting will look at rolling out some new ideas for next year's Beautification Awards.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.

Prepared by Karen Forsyth