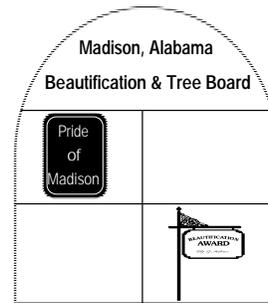


**City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, February 19th, 2013
Conference Room, City Hall
6:00 p.m.**



Minutes

Board Members Present: Karen Lawler, Alice Tucker, Tom Irby, Lisa Thomas, Julie Ray, Dorothy Thomas, Rose Berry, Meredith Kilby, and Ray Lewis.

Board Members Absent: Joe Hackett, Councilman Gerald Clark.

Invited Guests: Linda Kinney and Karen Forsyth.

Proceedings:

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

The minutes from the meeting on January 22nd, 2013 were approved by the Board.

Finance report was provided by Lisa Thomas, Treasurer:

- \$ 18,669.95 (Beautification Board)
- \$ 7,966.92 (Tree Board)

After the finance report, the detailed budget for 2013 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Tree Board Updates:

Poster Contest Summary – Alice Tucker

Lisa Thomas and Alice Tucker reported that the judging for the annual poster went very well. Judging occurred on January 24th at the Dublin park recreation center. Monetary prizes of \$60, \$40, \$30 and \$15 were awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners for each school. The winning 1st place posters were on display at the Madison Public Library and at Dublin Park. In addition, the 1st place winning posters for each school were submitted to the Anniston Office for state judging. To honor the winners, certificates were presented during the Madison City Council on February 11th, 2013. Mayor Trulock met with the recipients to congratulate them and to share a photograph opportunity for all attendees.

Library Window Display – Rose Berry

Rose Berry reported that the Madison Public Library window display was in-work and would include the posters and photographs of the winners of the Arbor Day poster contest.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Update – Tom Irby

The spring planting for 2013 Arbor Day was the morning of February 19th at Dublin Park. Mayor Trulock assisted in the planting one of three (3) ball & burlap Redbud trees. In addition to Tom Irby, Ray Lewis and Korey Alfred were also in attendance.

Madison Arbor Week Workshop

Tom Irby reported that preparations were underway to support the Madison Arbor Week Workshop scheduled for February 28th, 6:00pm, at Dublin Park. Publications concerning tree selection, care and maintenance would be provided, and a limited number of seedlings would also be available. The speakers and topics for the workshop were as follows:

Getting Trees Started Right, presenter: Ken Creel

Trees that Withstand High Wind Conditions, presenter: Carol Umsteadter

Crape Myrtles and Pruning Best Practices, presenter: Stoney Gray

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Tree Request

The Tree Board was contacted about providing a tree to be planted at the Madison PTA Office. Tom Irby reported that he was working with the PTA office to determine the size of tree that would be needed, and when the tree should be delivered. The Board determined that there was budget available to meet the request and approved the purchase.

Dublin Park Tree Removal Status

Tom Irby reported that the results of the Dublin Park tree survey were reported to the Madison City Council on February 11th, 2013. Tom stated that after discussion, the council determined that immediate action was required to ensure public safety. Official details were reported in the Madison Record publication.

Beautification Board Updates:

Pride of Madison

Ray Lewis provided input that he had received two new requests for Adopt-a-Mile routes. He also stated that an organization supporting an existing route was working with him to obtain a different location. Ray reported that he was running low on signs and that he would be coordinating with Public Works to determine how to order additional signs for the new requests.

Beautification Awards Luncheon Update – Alice Tucker

Alice Tucker reported that this year's luncheon would be at the Best Western in Madison, and that the luncheon was scheduled for June 27th, 2013. It was decided that the judging for the Beautification Awards would be scheduled for May 16th, 2013.

Projects/Programs - 2013

To aid with the request for all board members to document the programs they are supporting, Julie Ray reviewed a template to utilize when documenting all tasks, contacts, costs, etc. when working on a program. The purpose of the template is to help ensure all pertinent details are captured to ensure knowledge is available for the next Board member to take on the Program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by Julie Ray