

**City of Madison**  
**Beautification and Tree Board**  
**Tuesday, November 19, 2013**  
**Conference Room, City Hall**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Karen Lawler, Lisa Thomas, Karen Forsyth, Alice Tucker, Tom Irby, Meredith Kilby, Dorothy Thomas, Linda Kinney, Julie Ray, and Councilman Gerald Clark.

**Board Members Absent:** Rose Berry and Ray Lewis.

**Proceedings:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President Karen Lawler.

The minutes from the meeting held on October 15, 2013 were provided via e-mail for review and approved at the meeting.

***Treasurer's Report***

Treasurer's report was provided by Lisa Thomas, Treasurer. Lisa reported we have an outstanding balance on the signs. The balance as of November is \$19,310.62. In addition to the Treasurer's Report, Karen Lawler reported that she had prepared the Board's budget for 2014 and was scheduled to meet with the City Council in January to obtain approval.

***Library Book Donation***

Karen Lawler reported that Gigi Bullman had provided her with a list of proposed books with an approximate cost of \$200 to be purchased and donated to the Madison Public Library. Karen proposed proceeding with the purchase of the books for the Library, and the Board concurred. Karen will provide a status of the purchase at the next Board meeting.

***Nominating Committee***

The Nominating Committee proposed the names below as officers for the Madison Beautification and Tree Board for 2014. The Board unanimously voted for the proposed officers. New officers will begin their duties in January of 2014.

***Madison Beautification and Tree Board Officers for 2014***

President:	Karen Lawler
Vice-President Beautification Board:	Alice Tucker
Vice-President Tree Board:	Dorothy Thomas
Treasurer:	Lisa Thomas
Secretary:	Karen Forsyth

**Tree Board**

***Arbor Week Workshop***

Dorothy Thomas reported that she was continuing to work on obtaining speakers for the workshop, which is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Dublin Recreation facility. Dorothy plans on obtaining saplings and door prizes for the February event. She will provide a more detailed status at the January Board meeting.

***Arbor Day Poster Contest***

Tom Irby reported that five schools are participating in the annual Arbor Day Poster content. Those schools are: Columbia, Heritage, Madison, Rainbow and St. John. The theme for this year's contest is: "**Trees are Terrific...and Energy Wise!**" All submissions are due January 17<sup>th</sup> for judging. Winners must be provided to Anniston by February 10<sup>th</sup> for State judging. The Mayor's "Tree City" proclamation will be read on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, and at that time he will also recognize the winners of the poster content. Councilman Gerald Clark will participate and assist with the Proclamation Reading at the City Council Meeting.

***PTA Tree Donation, Bench Placement***

Tom Irby has been coordinating with the PTA and reported that Superintendent Dr. Fowler will decide where to place the bench, and the PTA will coordinate the pouring of the slab. Karen Lawler will notify Public Works to move the bench to its final location once the slab is ready.

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***Madison Cemetery Plan***

Karen Lawler and Alice Tucker reported that the planting at Madison Memory Gardens was completed. All designated plants and trees were in the ground, although some of the trees still needed to be staked. Due to spacing issues, some of the plants had to be moved to different locations and this left a limited number of trees that will need to be placed in city parks. Coordination for planting of the "left over" plants will occur over the next several weeks and a status will be provided at the next Board meeting.

### ***Rose Rosette Checkup***

Karen Lawler reported that the removal of the diseased roses had begun – per the plan provided by Rose Berry. The Board will need to status this at the next Board meeting.

Tom asked if there is a chance of changing the City flower from the rose to something else and Rose Berry has taken an action to provide suggestions. This was tabled until the next meeting with everyone bringing ideas and suggestions.

### ***Open Forum/Announcements***

#### ***Benches***

After discussion concerning placement of benches along public walkways and various parks, it was proposed unanimously voted that the Board should go ahead and purchase 8 new benches and 4 new trash receptacles. The Board will continue to coordinate with the city of Madison on placement of the new items.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm**

**Minutes prepared by Julie Ray**