

**City of Madison**  
**Beautification and Tree Board**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**  
**Conference Room, City Hall**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Minutes**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Karen Forsyth and Dorothy Thomas.

**Proceedings:**

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

The minutes from the meeting held on November 19, 2013 were approved as corrected.

***Treasurer's Report***

Treasurer's report was provided by Lisa Thomas, Treasurer. The balance as of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 is \$12,630.04. There will be an outstanding bill due to New Market Iron Works to cover the balance of the benches and trash receptacles when the work is completed. Karen Lawler reported that she had prepared the Board's budget for 2014 and presented it to the City Council. The 2014 budget for \$10,000 was approved.

***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 ordered and delivered the books to the library. The library was very pleased with the selections, noting that the children's books were especially appreciated. It was noted that a larger selection of children's books should be considered for next year's donation to the library.

**Tree Board**

***Arbor Week Workshop***

Tom Irby reported that Dorothy Thomas had been able to enlist Mr. Harvey Cotten as the speaker for the Arbor Day workshop. The topic will be "Pruning 101", and the workshop 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. Rose Berry volunteered to help with providing information to local magazines, and Meredith Kilby will be updating the Facebook site.

### ***Arbor Day Poster Contest and Tree City Proclamation***

Tom Irby and Linda Kinney provided the latest status on the poster contest. Winners have been notified to be present at the February 10<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting to receive their awards and to be photographed with the Mayor. Tom and Linda also reported that they have the package of the winning posters ready to be mailed to Anniston by February 10<sup>th</sup> for State judging. The Mayor's "Tree City" proclamation will also be read on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. Councilman Gerald Clark will participate and assist with the Proclamation Reading at the City Council Meeting. The annual Tree Planting ceremony with Mayor Trulock is scheduled for Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Dublin Park.

### **Beautification Board**

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

Rose Berry reported that all diseased roses in the public areas had been removed by the city. Rose Berry has taken an action to provide suggestions for changing the City flower from the Knockout Rose to something else. Rose has suggested a butterfly theme be utilized. This was tabled until the next meeting with everyone bringing ideas and suggestions.

#### ***Pride of Madison***

Ray Lewis reported that three new participants have contacted him to volunteer for the Pride of Madison Program. The Pet Hospital of Madison is interested in adopting Millcreek Greenway. They have asked for three signs, one at each end and one on the gate to the dog pen. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has expressed an interest in adopting Eastview Drive from Hughes Road to Victoria Street (that mile was previously adopted by the Rainbow Mountain Homemakers). TJ Maxx on Highway 72, has also contacted Tom concerning the Adopt-A-Mile program. Tom is in the process of providing them with information and a list of available miles to adopt.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm**

**Minutes prepared by Julie Ray**