

**City of Madison**  
**Beautification and Tree Board**  
**Tuesday, August 19, 2014**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Karen Lawler, Karen Forsyth, Ray Lewis, Councilman Gerald Clark, Lynda Johnston, Meredith Kilby, Brenda Buschmann, Linda Kinney, and Marsha Harris

**Board Members Absent:** Julie Ray, Alice Tucker, and Lisa Thomas

Dorothy Thomas and Rose Berry have resigned from the Board.

Karen Lawler will request an updated Board listing. Karen Forsyth will send it to the Board members.

**Proceedings:**

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

The minutes from the meeting held on July 15, 2014 were approved as written.

***Treasurer's Report***

No Treasurer Report. Lisa Thomas was unable to attend.

**Budget Submission:** Karen Lawler explained there is a new process for submitting the Board's budget this year. It was due August 1. We received an extension to August 27. She stated there would be a working meeting Thursday, August 21, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. This meeting would be focused on the development of a new spreadsheet with line items that the budget will be traced to. Karen is looking to Gerald for assistance with plant areas and dollar values. This year's budget request requires more work and documentation.

Karen Lawler reported all library books, except for one, have come in. They will be delivered when the last one arrives. Lynda Johnston will deliver the books the library.

## **Tree Board**

Lynda Johnston will begin looking for a date for the Arbor Workshop and a guest speaker. Meredith Kilby suggested the Grumpy Gardner (Southern Living).

The Chamber of Commerce Expo was a big success. It was well worth the time and money spent. Karen Lawler and Julie Ray went from booth to booth getting organizations to sign up for Pride of Madison. They received 60 names for Pride of Madison. Many were ready to sign up that day.

## **Beautification Board**

*Gateway Plants* – Karen Lawler spoke with Cory at Catbird Seat. He will be happy to meet at the cemetery and will give a quote for replacement plants. Time for planting is late October. Cory will also give some recommendations for plants and shrubs.

*Yards of Madison* – Meredith Kilby uses software that may assist the Board with a way for integrating a spreadsheet for nominations, signing up for luncheons, etc. The Beautification and Tree Board data for that gathers up the information. Forms Central (Adobe). She will contact POC: Jason at Madison City Hall and will send the information to Karen Lawler to be submitted in the upcoming budget.

*Pride of Madison* -- Ray Lewis met with the Mayor since the last meeting reference Adopt-A-Mile program. The Mayor suggested to him that he do a follow-up on how they are doing. He currently has 28 participants has been calling each one.

Karen Lawler needs to know how many signs will be needed for next year. Will any need to be replaced?

Gerald stated we are ready to figure out where to put the benches on Rainbow Mountain. He will work a date and time to meet for the bench placement.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm**

**Minutes prepared by Karen Forsyth**