

**City of Madison**  
**Beautification and Tree Board**  
**Tuesday, June 16, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Attendees:**

Karen Lawler, Lynda Johnston, Julie Ray, Meredith Kilby, Marsha Harris, Karen Forsyth, Alice Tucker, Gerald Clark , and Hollye Raines

**Guest:**

Amber Braman

**Absent:**

Linda Kinney and Beth Agee

**Minutes**

**Proceedings:**

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

The minutes from the meeting held May19, 2015 were approved as written.

***Treasurer's Report***

Julie Ray reported the current balance is \$19881.40.

Discussion was made and suggestions taken to spend money on signature plants.

**Beautification Board**

Alice Tucker reported we had a total of 98 entries for Beautification Awards. Eighty-nine were winners; 43 are Honor Roll winners; 16 are Excellence winners; and 6 were new entries, and all are winners. The certificates are ready for signatures. The letters are prepared to be sent with the certificates. Alice also stated the a few changes will be made for next year for how the areas are divided and judged.

Meredith Kilby has worked on the new signs and logo for the Beautification Honor Roll Awards. She will email the proposed logos and the Board will vote via email.

Gerald Clark will forward the logo onto the City Council members explaining the changes and why the changes were made. He will explain the differences between the Madison signs and the Huntsville signs.

Karen Lawler and Julie Ray worked one Saturday at the Madison Gateway. They trimmed shrubs and planted flowers. A motion was made that we adopt the Madison Gateway and use our time to trim shrubs, plant annuals, etc. The Board has the budget. After some discussion on the watering of the plants the motion was approved.

We will still need Public Works to mow and weedeat the area. Jugs of water are being carried to the area to keep the flowers alive. There was discussion to see if the Cat Bird Seat would sponsor the annual plantings. Karen Lawler will work that action as we get closer to changing out plants.

The roses need to be pulled and the plan is to plant Abele in the fall around the end of October and Blue Chip in the spring. The roses around Fire Station Island also need to be pulled and replaced with something to be determined.

Gerald Clark took the action to pursue a water meter at the Madison Gateway.

Madison City Hall lost their Beautification Award this year. The Mayor suggested a separate contract and budget to maintain the City Hall grounds and Veteran's Park. Karen Lawler and Gerald Clark will work together to come up with a plan and budget.

Gerald will pull the plans for the cemetery to determine what replacement plants are needed.

Corey Brown, Cat Bird Seat, has a new Smoke tree on his property to be planted in October at the fire station.

We have eight benches in storage. The plan is for 2 to be placed on Rainbow Mountain; 2 at the cemetery and possibly 1 or 2 more.

Hollye Raines picked up the tables, fliers, posters, easels, and banner for the July 25 Madison Chamber Expo. It is going to be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Karen Lawler will pick up two gift cards to be given away as door prizes. Meredith Kilby will prepare an overview, the bookmarks, and get a table cloth with our logo to use at the Expo.

### **Pride of Madison**

Beth Agee sent a note stated all the signs are up and will update further at next month's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Prepared by Karen Forsyth