

**City of Madison**  
**Beautification and Tree Board**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Attendees:**

Karen Lawler, Hollye Raines, Beth Agee, Meredith Kilby, Amber Braman, Marsha Harris, and Julie Ray, and Gerald Clark

**Absent:**

Alice Tucker, Linda Kinney, Lynda Johnston, and Karen Forsyth

**Minutes**

**Proceedings:**

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

The minutes from the meeting held August 18, 2015 were approved as written.

***Treasurer's Report***

Julie Ray reported the current balance is \$19,284.78.

Gerald Clark expressed expectations of the approval of the budget.

A motion was passed for Julie to order 43 Honor Roll signs at a cost of \$27.50 per sign, totaling \$1,182.50.

**Beautification Board**

Karen will send Amber the list of duties and responsibilities of the Beautification Awards.

Julie Ray will obtain a hole puncher for the Honor Roll signs.

Six new properties won the Beautification Award this year.

Karen Lawler will contact the mayor to ask Public Works to remove signs from businesses no longer meriting an Award and to install the signs at the new Award winners' properties.

Meredith Kilby will send an updated list of winners to Hollye Raines, who will then share the list with the Chamber of Commerce.

### ***Gateway***

The sprinklers are working. A weeding morning will be added in the near future. Abelia will be planted after roses are removed. Other perennials will also be considered.

Karen will contact the building department about cutting the grass.

Julie Ray sent an email to have the roses around the city pulled (Fire Station Island, Gateway, and along Gillespie). After a response is received from Public Works, consideration will be given to hiring an individual to remove the roses. Kelli Butler will be contacted to insure proper guidelines are followed in the contracting procedure. The mayor will also be kept informed of the process.

### ***Adopt-A-Mile***

The new list from the Chamber Expo has been utilized by Beth Agee. New participants have been identified and signs will be placed. More signs need to be ordered. Orange vests need to be located. The board determined that businesses located outside of Madison should not be offered Adopt-a-Mile locations within the city. Home Depot (located within Huntsville city limits) will be denied participation.

It was noted that the City of Madison has not picked up the trash placed by the Adopt-a-Mile signs on Eastview Dr.

Liz Smith, a certified arborist was welcomed to the meeting, and invited to fill out the necessary forms to become a member of the board.

Karen will find Tom's notes from his service on the board.

Linda Johnston will be leaving the board effective August 18, 2015.

### ***Arbor Day***

Liz Smith will help locate an arborist willing to do a program on tree pruning. Meredith Kilby will assist in finding a Master Gardener to do a program on shrub pruning.

Karen will deliver the library books.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Prepared by Beth Agee