

**City of Madison**  
**Beautification and Tree Board**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**5:30 p.m.**



**Attendees:**

Karen Lawler, Beth Agee, Meredith Kilby, Amber Braman, Marsha Harris, Hollye Raines, Julie Ray, Karen Forsyth, and volunteer, Liz Smith.

**Absent:**

Alice Tucker and Gerald Clark

**Minutes**

**Proceedings:**

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

The minutes from the meeting held November 17, 2015 were approved as written.

***Treasurer's Report***

Julie Ray reported that the closeout balance for 2015 was \$15,686.26. She presented the 2016 Budget Plan.

Karen Lawler presented the Board's budget to the City Council Monday, January 11, 2016. She received an email to come and sign the budget.

***Arbor Day Poster Contest***

Marsha Harris will plan to pick up the posters tomorrow, January 20. The judging of the posters will take place January 27, 10 a.m. She will submit names to the Mayor's office. Marsha will make copies of the winning posters – four from each school (6 schools). The posters will be sent to Anniston by February 10. They will be displayed on easels at the City Council Meeting February 22, 6 p.m.

***Arbor Day Tree Planting***

Liz Smith reported the Arbor Day planting will be February 24 with the Mayor at noon in front of City Hall. We are planting a Japanese Red Maple. Additional plantings will take place after the Mayor departs.

### ***Arbor Day Workshop***

Guest Speakers will begin at 5:30 p.m. and go until 8:30 p.m. on February 24. Liz reported the first speaker will be Dr. Douglas Airhart, "Mind Your P's and Q's of Tree Care: Maintenance, Pruning & Disease Control" and the second speaker will be Marc Beyers, "Right Tree Right Place: Site and Species Selection for Home Landscapes."

Meredith Kilby will publicize the event via different medias.

### ***Madison Mayor's 2015 Christmas Tree Update***

Hollye Raines stated this was a fun project. The tree turned out really nice. The ornaments used will be stored for next year.

### ***Gateway and Fire Station Island:***

Karen Lawler reported more bulbs will need to be planted at Fire Station Island.

### ***Cemetery Planting***

Karen Lawler reported the hollies are to be planted at the cemetery and all the roses there have been pulled.

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

Beth Agee reported she received notification from the City that the State requires a monthly report on how many areas and how much trash is collected. Karen Lawler will contact Gerald and see if they can get additional information.

She also report the safety vest have arrive.

### ***Beautification Awards/Judging***

Amber Braman is looking for a few additional folks to help with the awards, judging, and banquet. Julie Ray and Karen Lawler will assist with the routes. The entry form will be online and individuals can send the money in.

Applications will be available March 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks and applications are due April 8<sup>th</sup>. Judging of the properties will be May 5, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. The date for the awards banquet is TBD. Amber will send the Board members the judging sheet for comments.

New this year, the addition of annuals/perennials will be judged (Additive rather than a deduction in the rating/judging).

It was agreed the Board will pay for Liz Smith to attend training as arborist.

Julie Ray has updated the list of properties for the Beautification Awards.

*Signs*

The Board will relook at the new sign designs for the Beautification Awards. Meredith Kilby will resend the sign design to Karen Forsyth for her to forward to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Prepared by Karen Forsyth