

City of Madison
Beautification and Tree Board
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall
5:30 p.m.



Attendees:

Karen Lawler, Beth Agee, Amber Braman, Julie Ray, Hollye Raines, Gerald Clark, and, Liz Smith.

Absent:

Alice Tucker, Meredith Kilby, Karen Forsyth, Marsha Harris, and Franklin Wetzel

Minutes

Proceedings:

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

Karen Lawler welcomed everyone.

Lynn Alexander was introduced as a guest of Karen Lawler.

The minutes from the meeting held July 19, 2016 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Julie Ray reported that the current balance is \$19,073.25. This balance is current as of 9/20/2016.

Gerald Clark reported that the budget was approved (\$10,000).

In a report to Karen Lawler, Marsha reported that she has been working on The Poster Contest. Her point of contact with the Madison City Schools is Judy Warmath. The theme is "*Trees are Wonderful and Forests Too.*" Posters will be picked up from the schools January 18, 2017.

Meredith Kilby will not be reapplying for her position on the board. She will help Franklin get up to speed on her duties.

Hollye Raines resigned from the board. She is moving to Decatur.

Beth Agee and Karen Lawler reported their findings on what the plantings should be at City Hall. Julie Ray is putting the plans on paper to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Karen Lawler met with Mayor Trulock to discuss the state of the grounds at City Hall.

Next month Greg Shaw will be added to the meeting between Karen Lawler, Gerald Clark, and Mayor-elect Findley.

There are signs in concrete at the following businesses. These need to be removed. It has been decided to simply remove the sign leaving the post intact.

- BanCorp South
- Burger King
- Taco Bell

StoneRidge will be re-judged this Friday at 12:00 by Karen Lawler, Amber Braman, and Beth Agee.

Amber mailed certificates. She still has four or five plaques.

Liz Smith has offered her help with the Arbor Day. She has five people willing to help. We should need three. Next month we need to finalize the date for the tree planting and conference. Thursday, February 23, 2017 looks likely. Liz will make a checklist of everything we need. Pizza will be served again.

Pride of Madison

Beth Agee stated the Pride of Madison has four new participants. She reported that new signs are in place.

Hollye reported that the Chamber Expo was a success. Franklin's seed cups were a hit.

Other Business

Karen Lawler will contact Limestone County Master Gardeners' president, Janet Hunt (jhunt9155@gmail.com) to solicit help in pruning the shrubs along Gillespie. Roses were pulled today and Julie Ray will inspect tonight.

All who can will meet at City Hall on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to mark the plants to be removed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m. to walk the property for discussion of the ongoing plans to improve the landscape at City Hall.

Prepared by Beth Agee