

**PAYETTE COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

**January 10, 2012**

**3:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Larry Kelley, Dick Bronson, Tony Mell, Curt VanPatten & Gene Gray were present.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Randy Fales and Bobbie Black

General Public Present: None

Approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011, as written.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Forest Management Plan: The Committee discussed the first 4 pages of the plan and what needed to be done to get everything accomplished. We will go through the next 4-5 pages at the next meeting.
- B. Signage for trees in Gateway Park: Signs can be done anytime.
- C. Trees in right of ways: The Committee would like to understand every right of way description in the code that is within the City. An explanation will be provided for this at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Hazardous Trees: Discussion followed that there are hazardous trees in the city's right of way that are in bad shape. This needs to be addressed. Is a bill for \$800 worth the life of someone? We are here to help protect the City. Discussed if a letter should be sent to property owners and does the City want us to be proactively looking at these trees? It should not be a hit or miss. Discussed doing the City in sections. If the trees had to be taken down we would have to hire a certified arborist to take down the trees. What timeframe would we give the property owner?
- B. Arbor Day 2012: Will be the last Friday in April and will work on this at the next meeting.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Bronson made a motion that the Tree Committee is offered to attend the INLA conference and the City pays their way. The motion was seconded by Gene Gray and passed by unanimous voice approval.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Gray read an e-mail that was received from Mike Phillips.

The next meeting will be held February 28, 2012, at 3:00 pm at Payette City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Recording Secretary

Bobbie Black