

MINUTES
PAYETTE COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION

April 21, 2016
4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Curt Van Patten, Ron Mahler, Liz Belvoir and Georgia Hanigan were present.

Members Absent: Dick Bronson

Staff Present: Randy Fales & Matea Gabiola

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Georgia Hanigan made a motion to approve the minutes of March, 3 2016, as written. The motion was seconded by Curt Van Patten and passed by unanimous voice approval.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Arbor Day 2016: The Forestry Commission will be holding Arbor Day on April 29th, 2016 at Kiwanis Park. Mr. Fales stated that he has three trees to plant for this event. The Commission will be meeting in the Council Chambers at 11am on the 29th to stuff the backpacks.

B. Hazardous Trees: The Commission discussed hazardous trees around the City. Mr. Fales had a list of several places where the trees were becoming very hazardous. There are two trees at this time he feels need to be dealt with, one was 223 South 9th Street and the other was 1213 2nd Avenue South. Ms. Hanigans only concern of taking care of what is in the budget. Ms. Hanigans main concern is the home owners budget if they have to remove these trees. Ms. Belvoir asked about the procedure on how we go about removing the trees. Mr. Fales stated that he writes a letter telling the home owner about the City's concern regarding the specific tree and the option of having it removed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Van Patten stated that Gerry Bates and Dave Stevenson have entered the tree inventory data, converted it and put it up on the Tree Plotter. Mr. Van Patten showed the Tree Plotter updates.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be determined.

Hazardous Trees

Tree Plotter

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jean Stephan 8890 Raby Lane Payette, ID & Mary Dawn Craddock 1650 North 9th Street Payette, ID addressed the Commission. Ms. Stephan stated that they are with the Odd Fellows & Rebekah's' group and wanted to inform the Commission that this group started a living legacy years back called for "he who falls after me", in regards to trees. With continuing this legacy, the group likes to donate any community service regarding parks. Such as clean up, landscaping or simply buying trees on public land, not personal. The Odd Fellow & Rebekah's group would like to offer any service they can to promote trees in this community.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Recording Secretary
Matea Gabiola