

**MINUTES**  
**PAYETTE COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMITTEE**  
**August 16, 2011**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Gene Gray, Tony Mell, Curt VanPatten and Dick Bronson were present.

Members Absent: Larry Kelley

Staff Present: Randy Fales and Bobbie Black

General Public Present: Mike Phillips

Tony Mell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2011 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Curt Van Patten and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Payette Community Forestry Ordinance: The Committee discussed the City's current Community Forest Ordinance. Mr. Gray asked if anyone had changes, additions or deletions regarding our ordinance or Boise's ordinance. He handed out suggested changes he made on our current ordinance by combining ours and Boise's together. Gene asked everyone to read and make notes by next meeting.
- B. Trees in right of ways: A discussion was held of who was in charge of trees in the City's right of way. City Attorney's response was if they are City trees, we are responsible. If private people have planted the trees in the City right of way and we maintain the trees, we are responsible. Randy Fales was asked if he has a map/inventory of trees in the City right of way, he stated no. The Committee would like more clarification from City Attorney on the responsibility of the owners and how is it enforced by the City. The Committees job is to do what is best for the City and not making liabilities for them. Kirk VanPatten talked about the trees in the Idaho Power right of way and what state law mandates for utility companies.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Randy Fales stated that a tree in Central Park had limbs tore off with a track hoe during the Library construction project. The tree was on the blueprint to stay. He didn't think the roots were disturbed, but limbs were torn out. The tree is a 24" Sweet Gum tree. Dick Bronson made a motion for the City to write a letter to the architect of the project asking to obtain a certified arborist to give a value of the tree that was damaged during the library construction. The motion was seconded by Tony Mell and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- A. Tree City USA – Need to check to see if we are on track for growth award.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held September 20, 2011, at 3:00 pm at Payette City hall.

Tony Mell made a motion to adjourn at 4:07 pm. The motion was seconded by Curt VanPatten and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Recording Secretary  
Bobbie Black