

PAYETTE COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMITTEE

December 20, 2011

3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Larry Kelley, Dick Bronson & Gene Gray (arriving at 3:05) were present.

Members Absent: Tony Mell & Curt VanPatten

Staff Present: Randy Fales, Mary Cordova and Bobbie Black

General Public Present: Mike Phillips

Larry Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2011, minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Gene Gray and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Forest Management Plan: Mr. Gray stated he would like to discuss goals on pages 1-4 at the next meeting.
- B. Signage for trees in Gateway Park: Gene Gray showed pictures of what signage had been used before. Mr. Fales would like to proceed with having signs made and placed mainly at Gateway Park in the spring. He would like 24 in English and 24 in Spanish.
- C. Recertification application for Tree City USA: The Tree City USA and Growth award have both been submitted.
- D. Trees in right of ways: Mr. Gray handed out information from a class he had attended. He stated that it might be useful if the City order books entitled "Tree Law Cases in USA and Arboriculture & the Law" to have on hand. Mr. Bronson asked if we should be looking at the hazard portion of the tree ordinance. Discussion followed on what the City would be liable on for informing what a hazardous tree to property owners is. If the ordinance states to notify of a public hazard and we don't notify them, is the City more liable? The City will have to decide if letters need to go to those property owners. The Committee felt letters need to go to those property owners advising of the hazardous condition. Talked about time frame that would be given to take care of the hazard. If the City has to take care of a tree in the right of way, if it was felt that a certified arborist needed to do the work. Our code addresses the procedure and the owner could be cited. Discussed what the procedure was if a citizens calls and complains to the City about this.

NEW BUSINESS - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Discussion followed about the library remodel and the Blue Spruce that was planted by the Leo's group. This was a dedicated tree for them. Maybe at Arbor Day we can rededicate a Blue Spruce and invite the people that were involved. Discussed about planting an Oak tree on Arbor Day.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Forest Management Plan
- B. Signage for trees in Gateway Park
- C. Trees in right of ways
- D. Arbor Day 2012 – Leo Tree

PUBLIC COMMENT – None heard.

The next meeting will be held January 10th, 2012, at 3:00 pm at Payette City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Recording Secretary
Bobbie Black