

The Maquoketa Tree Board met on November 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall with Muhlhausen, Montoya, Edwards and Smith from City in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Chair Muhlhausen. The Agenda was approved on a motion by Montoya and Edwards. And the September and October minutes were approved on a motion by Edwards and Montoya. There was no audience.

The budget was again discussed for this year with the notation that another refund or reimbursement was received for \$975 bringing the total to \$8,475 from insurance from the Derecho.

Montoya reported on the Trees Forever/Black Hills grant that was submitted for 2022 on November 1, 2021 for \$5,500. The trees requested are for 8 private tree requests, 8 boulevard trees, 3 City Hall and 9 YMCA trees for a total of 28 trees. It was also suggested very strongly to request bids for these 28 trees for 2022 fall planting.

A discussion was had on term ending dates. Smith indicated it would be more efficient for City Hall to have all Boards and Commissions terms end in the same month. Tree Board terms end in July and most others end in December. It was decided to change Tree Board terms to end in December starting with December, 2021. Wagner will end in 21, Muhlhausen and Short in 22, and Edwards and Montoya in 23. The terms were approved on a motion by Edwards and Montoya.

Discussion was held on trimming and removal requests received from Amy Moore at 307 S Niagara and Thelma Nissan at 408 N Walnut. Edwards related that the removal is no more of an emergency than the others that have been coming in for dead or dying ash tree removal. She indicated that we should put all on the removal list and count how many ashes the Tree Board has to remove in boulevards and parks. MMEU will remove the dead ashes in the City Hall lot as reported by Smith. Edwards asked if Public Works would be able to do the trimming at Walnut. It was suggested to request information from Public Works by utilization of work orders rather than e-mail or personal contact. It was also suggested for the Tree Board to meet monthly with Public Works or periodically to discuss issues that have come up.

There being no further business, the Tree Board adjourned at 5:45.

Elaine Edwards

2021 Tree Complaints:

8-09-21 - Donna Said removal list 2022	115 N Dearborn	Ash TreeRemoval	on list for 22 -
6-29-21 - Walter Edwards removal list 22	312 N Otto	Tree Removal	Section 2, 21 -
- Rose Stratton removal list 22	320 N Olive	Tree Removal	Section 2, 21 -
6-29-21 - Denny Flenker	110 Erie	Ash Tree Removal	Not City Tree
6-29-21 - Deb Nissen	304 S Jones	tree Trimming	No City Trees
6-29-21 - Thelma Nissen - delayed till 2022 list	408 N Walnut	Tree Trimming	Trim park tree - 21 list
9-23-21 - Scott Steiner list	402 S 2nd	Tree hit lightning	Form mailed - watch
- Mike Hayward oak - included in 2022 grant	312 S Olive	App private tree	application lost - 2
- Jay Kahn done	117 N Otto	Tree Removal	Section 1 - 2021 -
- Pam Schoenthaler list	306 S 2nd	TreeRemoval	Form mailed - watch
6-29-21 - Teresa Clark - included in 2022 grant	302 S Matteson	tree Replacement	Put on list private tree
9-13-21 - Jim Arensdorf	618 S Fifth	hazard tree 1/2 dead	2022 list
10-14-21 - Vickie Dunkel agreed to pay half removal costs up to \$1,500 city cost	407 Susan Dr	tree removal	1/2 city n private - city
10-25-21 - Amy Moore	307 S Niagara	ash tree removal	put on removal list 22
10-25-21 - Samantha McLaughlin	- 207 W Maple	tree removal	put on removal list 22
12-6-21 - Glenn Short	E Maple E side of trailer park - hazard tree - Send letter to land owner to remove as hazard over gas lines		

To add to next year:

501 S Eliza/on Judson side - lg ash - dead