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This meeting of the Tree Board was called to order on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. at Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call: Present: Mark Dungan, Sally Worley, Greg Hayes, Russ Lickteig, James Hinchliff, Lee Goldsmith, Absent: Allison Courtright

I. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Lickteig, Second by Hinchliff to approve the agenda.

Roll call: Ayes-All; Nays-0 Motion passes: 5 - 0.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Hinchliff, Second by Dungan to approve the minutes from May 18, 2016.

Roll call: Ayes-All; Nays-0 Motion passes: 5 - 0.

Courtright joins the meeting at 5:35

II. PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS

1. Ash Tree Update

Dungan offered a report he generated to detail the various options for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment for the Ash trees located on public property. Dungan stated that if the City chose to use a third party for application, the estimated cost would be in a range of \$4,470-\$6,258 per year. Dungan said that if Grimes were to perform the work with staff, it would require a person to be trained and certified for applying the insecticide and an initial equipment purchase of about \$1,000. He said for the insecticide the estimated cost would be about \$1,014 for each treatment with treatment once every two years that would bring the cost down to \$500 per year. Dungan added that for the smaller trees application of a broadcast spray and the larger trees should be treated by trunk injection system. Dungan said that in States that have been already working with infestation, they are finding that the treatments could be cut back to once every few years once the initial peak passes.

Motion by Hinchliff, Second by Goldsmith to adopt the Ash Tree Inventory & treatment report as compiled.

Roll call: Ayes-All; Nays-0 Motion passes: 6 - 0.

2. Memorial Trees Program

Dungan shared a commemorative policy program that is currently in place with Polk County Conservation. Dungan said that they accept memorial requests all year and offer a number of items to choose from as a memorial, such as plaques and benches as well as trees, however when trees are selected, they only plant in the spring and fall. He said that all donations are listed on a map, marked with GPS and have someone assigned for maintenance such as watering as needed. Dungan did caution that whenever you use a living thing as a memorial, there will always be that potential that memorial item could die, and any entity that undertakes such a project needs to be aware of the potential ramifications when that happens. Dungan also said that if a request has to be denied, they send a letter to communicate to the interested party stating why any particular request cannot be granted, such as site suitability, quality of soil, etc. Goldsmith stated that while such programs can raise additional funds for programs and help get projects done, they should be considered more for public participation and involvement rather than any kind of revenue stream. General discussion continued on maintenance involved with such as program and who could oversee and maintain the program.

III. PUBLIC FORUM-

No one was present to address the board.

Old Business- None

New Business- Dungan said that he had been asked by the Park Board to attend their next meeting and give a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer and its identification. General discussion continued on the proposed power point created for that purpose.

Next meeting will be July 20, 2016.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm
