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This meeting of the Tree Board was held Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Grimes City Hall.

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Roll Call: Present: April Moore, Mark Dungan, Lee Goldsmith, Russ Lickteig, also attending: Public Works Director Kevin Hensley. Absent: Salley Worley

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Dungan, Second by Goldsmith, to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Nays: None, Motion passes 4-0

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Motion by Goldsmith, Second by Dungan to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: All Nays: None, Motion passes 4-0

PUBLIC FORUM

Allen May, 608 NW 8th Street, was present to ask about tree replacement policies within the City. May expressed an interest in increasing the variety of tree cover species as well as concern regarding the volume of Cottonwood trees in his neighborhood.

PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS

1. Tree Maintenance

Public Works Director Kevin Hensley said an inventory was recently completed to identify trees on public property that fall into the dead, diseased, or dying category. He said when the City needs to remove dead, diseased, or dying trees, the City has been replacing them at an approximate six to one ratio. Hensley added that locations for those replacements may vary depending on areas of the community identified with the greatest need for increased canopy.

2. Grant Opportunities

Public Works Director Hensley said the City was interested in finding a way to assist homeowners with the financial burden of removing dead, diseased, or dying trees. Hensley said discussion on the possibility of creating a City based Grant Program would be explored during the fall Strategic Planning sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held August 16, 2023- Location to be determined.