

TREMONTON CITY CORPORATION
TREE BOARD
April 30, 2014

Members Present:

Marc Christensen, Chairman/Recreation Director
Shawn Warnke, City Manager
Lynn Green, Parks Superintendent
Linsey Nessen, Deputy Recorder

Chairman Christensen called the Tree Board Meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. The meeting was held April 30, 2014 in the City Council Meeting Room at 102 South Tremont Street, Tremonton, Utah. Chairman Marc Christensen, Manager Shawn Warnke, Superintendent Lynn Green, and Deputy Recorder Linsey Nessen were in attendance. Director Paul Fulgham and City Councilmember Lyle Holmgren were excused.

1. Approval of agenda:

Motion by Chairman Christensen to approve the April 30, 2014 agenda. Motion seconded by Superintendent Green. Vote: Chairman Christensen - aye, Manager Warnke – aye, and Superintendent Green – aye. Motion approved.

2. Approval of minutes: January 22, 2014

Motion by Manager Warnke to approve the minutes of January 22, 2014. Motion seconded by Superintendent Green. Vote: Chairman Christensen - aye, Manager Warnke – aye, and Superintendent Green – aye. Motion approved.

3. New Business:

a. Discussion and consideration of removing pine trees on East Main Street.

Chairman Christensen stated that Director Fulgham printed a map that shows trees to be removed on East Main Street and some on West Main Street from about 400 West to 800 West. Most of the trees on the East side have been topped because of the power lines and the trees on the West don't look uniform. Manager Warnke stated that Director Fulgham has removed a couple of the dead trees and also trimmed limbs on the travel lane side creating an awkward shape, but suggested leaving the trees on the West side.

Manager Warnke stated that the City has received requests to have the trees on the East side of Main Street removed and the City Council is in agreement. Mayor Fridal has talked to Mr. Chris Peterson, UDOT Region Director, who stated that he didn't

have any problems with removing the trees and in fact, would prefer to have them removed because the caliper size of the trees is larger than UDOT prefers within proximity to the right-of-way. Mr. Peterson's suggestion was that if the City wants to remove these trees they will need to work with UDOT and submit a plan that shows the removal of the trees and a replanting plan if they will be replaced. The City would then be responsible for those trees.

Manager Warnke also contacted Rocky Mountain Power to get their recommendation of what trees to plant under the power lines or if they would recommend not replanting the trees. Rocky Mountain Power will be sending their tree expert out to the City to give an assessment on whether the trees should be replanted and, if so, what types.

Chairman Christensen asked if the property owners need to be contacted. Superintendent Green stated that there are a few trees located in people's yards and asked if the City is going to cover the cost of the stumps of those trees being ground down. Manager Warnke stated that the plan would be that the City would remove the trees and ground down several stumps throughout the City at the same time. The City will also work with property owners and allow them to decide whether to keep or remove the trees on their frontage.

Manager Warnke stated that his opinion was to not replant the trees as the City is currently working on an Access Management Plan that would create median strips to plant trees in rather than planting them on the side of the road. Mr. Peterson suggested and the Mayor is planning to hold a public hearing on the issue in case there are citizens in the City that have a strong attachment to the trees, which will allow them the opportunity to address the City Council concerning the matter.

Motion by Manager Warnke to recommend to the City Council the removal of the pine trees on East Main and that the Tree Board has the authority to work with Rocky Mountain Power and UDOT on the possibility of replacing the trees if there is a strong public sentiment to have those trees replanted and if Rocky Mountain Power approves of it. Motion seconded by Superintendent Green. Vote: Chairman Christensen – aye, Manager Warnke – aye, and Superintendent Green – aye. Motion approved.

- b. Discussion and consideration of recommending adoption of the 2013 Tremonton City Wide Public Tree Inventory and Plan.

Chairman Christensen stated that the 2013 Tremonton City Wide Public Tree Inventory and Plan was introduced and given to the Tree Board by the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) in January and it was his thought to take their recommendations and adopt this plan.

Motion by Manager Warnke to recommend the approval of the 2013 Tremonton City Wide Public Tree Inventory and Plan to the City Council and that the City Council consider adopting the Plan by resolution. Motion seconded by Chairman Christensen. Vote: Chairman Christensen – aye, Manager Warnke – aye, and Superintendent Green – aye. Motion approved.

4. Comments/Reports:

a. Chairman/Recreation Director – Marc Christensen

Chairman Christensen thanked Superintendent Green and City Councilmember Holmgren for their help on Arbor Day. There were 10 trees planted and it was a great success.

b. City Manager – Shawn Warnke

Manager Warnke stated that he would like to plant a Beach Tree at the City Office building and asked the Tree Board Members to keep a look out for one. Superintendent Green stated there is currently a Beach Tree planted in Midland Square.

Manager Warnke asked Superintendent Green about his progress at Harris Park. Superintendent Green stated that he has been focusing on the ball diamond at North Park and should be able to start working on Harris Park soon.

c. Public Works Director – Paul Fulgham

Director Fulgham was excused from the meeting.

d. Parks Superintendent – Lynn Green

No comments.

e. City Councilmember – Lyle Holmgren

City Councilmember Holmgren was excused from the meeting.

6. Public comments: Comments limited to five minutes.

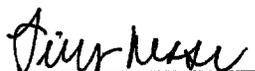
No public comments.

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Manager Warnke to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by consensus of the Board. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The undersigned duly acting and appointed Recorder for Tremonton City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Tree Board Meeting held on the above referenced date. Minutes prepared by Deputy Recorder Linsey Nessen.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2014


Linsey Nessen, Deputy Recorder

*Utah Code 52-4-202, (6) allows for a topic to be raised by the public and discussed by the public body even though it was not included in the agenda or advance public notice given; however, no final action will be taken.