

Decorah Tree Board

February 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Brill at 5:34 pm in the City Hall conference room.

Present: Jeremy Brill, Mark Faldet, Dick Guilgot, Scott Timm, Peter van der Linden, City Forester Robin Sailor, and Street Commissioner Kevin Nelson.

MOTION by Faldet, second by Timm: to approve the minutes of the January 25 meeting as circulated. Motion carried.

Two public outreach programs have been scheduled. Emma Hanigan from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will present a program about Emerald Ash Borer on February 27 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers. Meredith Borchardt from Trees Forever will lead a pruning workshop on March 12 at 6:00 pm in the Park Maintenance Shop.

The City Council has budgeted funds for FY 2019 as follows: \$4,000 for tree planting, \$4,000 for education and outreach, and \$40,000 for tree removal.

Sailor reported that two bids have been received for trees for spring planting. Other bids may still be forthcoming as the due date has not yet been reached.

MOTION by van der Linden, second by Guilgot: to accept the low bid for trees for spring planting. Motion carried.

The Tree Ordinance was reviewed, with input from Sailor and Nelson. Suggested changes were recorded electronically by Brill and will be circulated by him.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Peter van der Linden, Secretary