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**JOPLIN PARKS
& RECREATION**

CITY TREE BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

5:30 PM

Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lauren Copple, Jason Grossman, Robert Willcoxon

ABSENT: JJ Spurlin, Samuel Wimsett

GUESTS: Jason (Jake) Cowen
Jon Skinner

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Jason Grossman called the regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lauren Copple made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Robert Willcoxon.

OLD BUSINESS: Jake handed out the tree list for the trees that have been planted on Main Street. (Attached) Jason suggested that we look back at the specs for the project and make sure the contractor is following the specs. Jon told the board that he would do a walk through with Paul if he would like to make sure specs are being met. Jason said that is a good idea because the trees do need to be reviewed for planting too deep into the ground, for any trees already broken, and how they will be watered.

Jason said he has noticed that on Main Street there is damage to Bradford Pear trees. He mentioned we need to get those trees pruned and short of replacement.

Jake told the board that the Tree City USA application has been submit and we are just waiting to hear back from them. He also mentioned that the

RFP for tree pruning has been opened. Jake handed out a map of the trees that will be pruned. (Attached) We are going with the company All About Trees. They should start the project in the next few weeks. We ended up getting two bids and both of them were the same price but Ozark Nursery didn't meet all the requirements.

Jon told the board that he was told there was an account for \$20,000 in it for trees. He suggest that we use that money for maintenance of the trees. Jake told the board that he would look into it. Jason made a motion to use the \$20,000 in the tree account for more pruning of the trees, 2nd by Lauren Copple, all yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason told the board that after reviewing the City Code Section 122-53. (Attached) We really need to get this changed to match the state law. They City and State laws conflict. We really need to get this to match before the city get in a situation for a lawsuit.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Jon told the board that they really need to keep pushing to get a city arborist back and are really going to have to be more hands on. We need to set up some days to work on mulching, pruning, and planting trees. We also need someone that can update the data in the new software.

Jon also mentioned that we need to discuss Arbor Day because National Arbor Day is April 27th. Jason said we would discuss it in the March meeting.

ADJOURNEMENT:

Lauren Copple made a motion to adjourn, second by Robert Willcoxon.

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