

City of Pierre
Arbor Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 16th, 2016

The January 2016 meeting of the City of Pierre Arbor Board was held at the City Hall conference room. Ron Schreiner called the meeting to order at 12:01pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Ron Schreiner, Chuck Humphrey, Mark Smith, Tony Dorschner, Will Hansen, and Art Smith; Ex-Officio Members: Jeanne Goodman, Todd Kelly, and McKensey Kohlhofer.

The minutes from last meeting were approved as written.

The agenda for this meeting was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Tree City USA Recertification:

Ron reported that the application had been submitted by Tom.

Tree Trimming by City Crews:

Todd reported that the city only trimmed for 1 day and had to pull out due to citizen complaints. Jeanne reported that the Commission was having a hearing tonight regarding the billing. Several complaints claimed they had never been informed about the trimming despite TV, radio, Commission hearings, and inserts sent out with utility bills.

New Business:

State Arborists Conference:

Ron reported on the conference. Both he and Mark attended and McKensey had a speaking spot. A few of the topics of the conference included EAB updates, tree/shrub appraisals, and diagnosing/correcting urban soil problems. SDSU & STI students made up some of the approximately 175 attendees. Five city employees also attended.

2016 Arboretum Budget:

The annual budget was reported to be \$1,000.00.

Grant ideas and/or new projects:

Tony and Art suggested updating/moving the Arboretum sign to be nearer to the road. McKensey reported that the best guess has it that the Urban Forestry Grant will be next available in 2017. The City and the Arbor Board may be able to apply separately.

Review of draft of 2016 Plan of Work:

This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Ron at 12:38pm.

Submitted by: Art Smith, Secretary

Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016.