

**City of Pierre**  
**Arbor Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The May 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 12:02pm. Those in attendance were Board Members: Ron Schreiner, Mark Smith, Will Hansen, Chuck Humphrey, Tony Dorschner, and Art Smith; Ex-Officio Members: Jeanne Goodman and Tom Farnsworth.

The minutes from last meeting were approved as presented.

The agenda for this meeting was approved with a few discussion items as presented by Ron.

**Old Business:**

City Landscaping Ordinance:

Jeanne reported that the ordinance is a done deal. First reading was 3 weeks ago which gave 2 weeks for public review. Very few questions were received by the city. Adoption of the ordinance was finalized at last week's City Commission meeting.

Arboretum Sign Location:

Tony reported no change with this project; city crews have been too busy with other jobs that had higher priorities. The general location of the east corner of the property by the road is a good area, and hardy native plants should be planted around the sign once it is moved.

Tree Watering:

Tom reported that the job for seasonal watering has not been filled. It is advertised as \$11.00 / hour with around 20 hours / week. Past holders of the job have not come back, and so far no one has been hired. Anyone holding the job must be 18 years old.

Highway 34 Drip System:

Tom showed the group where the city intends to place a drip system to water the trees planted by Jerry Schimkat. These trees have been planted by Jerry over many years and stretch from near the Garfield/Wells intersection to the Hillsview golf course turn off paralleling highway 34. The trees are not in the DOT right of way. Two different drip lines will feed the trees; one from the west end of the line, the other coming off the golf course.

**New Business:**

No New Business to report.

Discussion:

Ron reported on tree issues he's seen lately: frost loss to ash and hackberrys, cedar apple rust, and clear-winged ash borer.

Ron read a thank you note from Robin at the library regarding the Arbor Day planting activity the Board supported. Tom reported to the group the progress on the Hyde stadium project. The May 15<sup>th</sup> completion date has already been missed, first game is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, but the infield will not be re-sodded until June 1<sup>st</sup>. There are hopes to hold the first home game June 13<sup>th</sup>, but the sod needs 2-3 weeks to take hold and with the current 100 degree heat may take longer. Railings for the stairs may also not be installed by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned by Ron at 1:02pm.

Submitted by: Art Smith, Secretary

***Next Meeting: Noon, Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.***