

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Call to Order:** Linda Ries called the meeting to order at 6:05

**Attendance: City Staff:** Emily Williams (Sustainability and Grants Coordinator), Brian Yeager (Public Works Director).

**Committee Members:** Jim Rineholt, Melanie Paisley, Linda Ries, David Antilla.

Approval of September minutes: Motion by Linda to approve, seconded by Melanie. All approved.

**New Business:**

**316 South Main Street** Dan Drackett is seeking an encroachment permit for a fence, in order to give space to the Maple tree on the south west corner of 316 South Main Street. The fence needs to be moved approximately three feet and will be approx. ten feet long. Mr. Drackett also requests the Crab Apple on the west side of the property be pruned or replaced. He offers to replace the Crab Apple with two new trees and provide care and irrigation for both new trees at his expense. He requests suggestions for species for the two replacement trees. Linda states HTC cannot approve the encroachment. Brian Yeager informs us the encroachment will be approved. Linda states the Crab Apple would improve with some pruning and irrigation, Mr. Drackett would prefer to replace it with taller trees. Linda first suggests Japanese Lilac Tree, Bill Josey feels they are too slow growing and not tall enough. Linda then suggests either Swamp White Oak or Ginko. Bill Josey approves of the Swamp White Oak. Dan Drackett concurs. Melanie moves to approve removal of Crab Apple and replace with two Swamp White Oak. Jim seconds. Dan Drackett states they will irrigate the Maple and the new trees and maintain the pipes for the Christmas lights as well.

**Volunteer Trees at Town Center** Kristin Fletcher requests that volunteer trees growing on the south side of the Hailey Town Center West be removed. There are Box Elder and Siberian trees, also a Lilac. Linda recommends removal of the trees but not the Lilac. David requests we keep the Lilac until there is an overall plan for all the shrubs at the Town Center. Kristin says the city will pay for the removal, Brian Yeager agrees the city will pay for removal. He also says there is a Spruce that has some die back but it provides shade. David suggests the Spruce gets irrigated by the library staff, Kristin says she will do it if she can. Kristin offers to cut down the volunteer trees and Jim says he will help her. Motion by David to keep the Lilac and remove the trees. Melanie seconds.

**302 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South** Patrick Lindahl requests the city prune a Hybrid Poplar, on city property, that he states is leaning over his house. Linda says we will not top the tree but that she will go look at it and make a recommendation. Patrick agrees to this. Mr. Lindahl also offers to plant trees at the new construction on his property. The trees will be on city property but he offers to pay for them and maintain them as well.

**River Lane Street Tree Review** Linda is concerned the Lodge Pole Pines are too close to the doors. Tim Slazinick, the project landscape architect, is on line and says the trees can be moved slightly further from the doors. Linda asks if they will be able to secure enough of the Elms and Tim feels they can. Tim states he would be open to something else if necessary. Motion by David to approve the plans for River Lane, Jim seconds. All approved.

**Hop Porter Park** Trees in park have Elk damage. Linda requests Street department to put barriers around the Ginko and others that are damaged.

**Old Business** Linda asks HTC to review the Hailey Urban Forestry Plan and list what else needs to be done, such as a construction checklist. This could be worked on during the winter with a presentation to the city council. Brian Yeager asks HTC for guidance for the Street Department to be able to address questions about the “tree theme” of construction projects. Linda states the theme is diversity, to have no more than 25% of one type of tree in each project. David adds the species should be grouped together when possible. Brian Yeager asks for an inspection check list for trees at construction projects. Brian asks for tree requirements to be listed on the project application and available during inspections so the vegetation could have an inspection as well as the buildings.

**Staff Reports** Emily reports we have \$300 for the Arbor Fest trees. Emily will also look into getting an Arbor Tree Grant for next year. Linda volunteers to do the ordering.

**Discussions of Topics for Next Agenda** David would like to see if there is any way to separate the bike path from the street on River Street. David suggests removing some parking spaces for trees, and seeing if a nonprofit could donate the trees for River Street and possibly at Dollar Market as well. Linda suggests HTC walk down River Street and else where just to see what trees are out there.

**Our Town** Linda says we can pull all past HTC articles from past Our Towns and put them on the HTC site.

Thank you to all Arboretum Volunteers. Next Parks meeting is October 26<sup>th</sup> if anyone wants to attend.

Motion to adjourn by David. Jim seconds, meeting adjourned at 7:25.