

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 9th, 2025 at 6 pm at Old Cutters Park

Public comment: none

Attending: City Staff: Amy Bain, & **Hailey Tree Committee members:** Chair David Antilla, Melanie Paisley, Kate Driscoll, Kelsey Paxton, Linda Ries.

HTC Chair David **called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm**

Approval of Meeting Minutes, May 14th, 2025: Melanie made motion to approve, Linda – second, all voted in favor of approving minutes. (NOTE: June meeting was cancelled)

New Business: Review two Siberian elms in ROW at 216 Ave So. Amy shared an Alpine Tree Care estimate and report on these trees prepared for the homeowners which detailed current health of trees and suggestions for management: (1) either including aggressive pruning to improve structure or (2) tree removal due to risk to vehicles parked adjacent. After discussion about the pros and cons of pruning vs removal, Linda made a motion to recommend pruning to increase health and structure of the two elms. Kelsey second, all voted in favor of the motion. If the homeowner is unable to afford the costing of pruning we would expect another request from the homeowner, a current Hailey City Council member.

Old Business:

Construction guidelines – Linda stated she will continue to edit what the group had worked on and add information on planting guidelines. Kelsey and Jim have been helping review and edit the guidelines. The plan will be to have a draft ready to go to council by fall.

(Staff report) Kiwanis tree planting: Amy said the city is still looking at the possibility of planting the trees on west side of Kiwanis as part of a large grant. Linda expressed concern about the possibility of the city not being reimbursed as this grant was one of many grants pulled for underserved language which is no longer acceptable.

Arborfest: Amy and Melanie talked about how Arborfest at the Farmer's Market. They said there were not many people because of other events on that day. However, the seedling species variety was appreciated. They suggested that for another year that all the labels are laminated and we find another way to attach to trees. (maybe zip ties instead of string?) Everyone agreed to keep Arborfest at next year's 1st Hailey Farmer's Market in mid-June. Linda suggested an article in Idaho Mountain Express ahead of Arborfest to let folks know what types of trees and shrubs will be available.

Topics for next meeting, August 13th: Linda said she will check on the status of the funds for those wanting to continue with the Hailey tree inventory. (NOTE: Melanie & David will be out of town).

Kelsey made the motion to adjourn, and Melanie seconded. **Adjourn at 7:04 pm,**