

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Public Comment: none

Present: HTC Chair David Antilla & HTC members: Linda Ries, Jim Rineholt, Kelsey Paxson, Kate Driscoll. City Staff: Amy Bain. HTC Chair Antilla called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Approval of Oct 8th meeting minutes: Motion made Jim, 2nd by Kate, all voted in favor.

New Business:

Arbor Day tree order: the draft list of species for the 2026 Arborfest tree order from Pitkin Nursery was shared by Linda. After discussion, HTC voted to accept the following order: 10- Pinyon pine, 5- Western White Pine, 10- Western Larch, 5 Concolor (white) fir, 5 – Paper birch, 5 – Black Hawthorn, 10 Bur-gamble oak (hybrid), 10 – Lewis Syringa, 5- Greene’s Mountain ash, 5 – Serviceberry, and 5 – Rocky Mountain Maple for a total of 75 trees. All these will be the 20 cu in size, which have proven to be hardy and durable to be handed out at Arborfest. Kelsey made the motion to approve the list and Jim 2nd, and all voted in favor of this list.

Arboretum improvements update: Amy showed a map of possible new path into Arboretum along the east side in the aspens. HTC discussed this issue but decided to look at all options on the ground, before making a final recommendation. Linda said she will help write the grant to cover the materials, labor and equipment to update the path to make it more accessible.

Supertree list – information only: Amy said she will be emailing us a list of possible super trees for the City to order from this nursery in Oregon. The goal would be to order additional trees to have for plantings around Hailey.

Staff Report:

Amy said **the 2025 Tree City USA report** has been completed and sent in. This is required so that the City can sustain its Tree City USA certification.

We also had a short discussion about the spruce trees that were removed without permission at 221 N. 2nd. At least one spruce was in the city ROW and the landowner should have requested a city encroachment permit before the work was done. As plans are reviewed for a new home on this property, as part of design review, the HTC will have an opportunity to make recommendations for trees to be planted in the ROW on this corner lot.

December meeting possible cancellation: Amy brought up the idea of cancelling the **December 10th** meeting. Linda suggested waiting until closer to the date to cancel, in case there was an issue that came up we would need to discuss.

Adjourn: motion to adjourn by Linda, and 2nd by Jim at 6:55 pm.