

Meeting Minutes  
*TREE COMMISSION*  
City of Franklin, Tennessee  
Community & Economic Development Conference Room  
Monday, October 28, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.

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**Committee Members**

Alderman Brandy Blanton, Chair	P
Beth Adams	P
Skip Heibert	P
Kim Hoover	P
Michael Johnson, MTEMC	P
Justin Stelter	P
Jenny Szilagyi	P

**Other Attendees**

Brian Walker  
John Manges  
Melanie Crosby

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Alderman Brandy Blanton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:57 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Michael Johnson moved to approve the August 26, 2019 minutes as presented. Seconded by Skip Heibert. Motion carried unanimously.*

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizens present.

**4. ARBORIST AND NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

- Brian Walker introduced the City's new Arborist, John Manges.
- New member, Jenny Szilagyi introduced herself and remaining members followed suit.

**5. COMMISSIONER REAPPOINTMENTS**

- The following terms expire in December 2019:  
Beth Adams, Citizen  
Kim Hoover, Citizen  
Skip Heibert, Citizen  
Michael Johnson, MTEMC  
Brandy Blanton, BOMA and Chair

*All members with expiring terms agree to serve another term. Will add to BOMA agenda for approval in November.*

## 6. 2020 TREE COMMISSIONER CALENDAR

- Brian Walker presented potential meeting dates for 2020. The dates presented are as following: January 27<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- *Skip Heibert moved to approve. Seconded by Justin Stelter. Motion carried unanimously.*

## 7. ARBORIST REPORT

- Brian Walker presented a map of the area the TAEP Grant will be installed and gave an update on timeline of installation. 268 trees will be delivered November 12<sup>th</sup> and the installation is scheduled to begin on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> of November.
  - On January 18<sup>th</sup> Keep Williamson Beautiful will be planting seedlings in that area as part of a volunteer day.
  - The goal of this project as a whole is for the area to become a wooded lot as quickly as possible.
- April 18, 2020 was suggested for Arbor Day. *Skip Heibert moved to approve the date. Seconded by Beth Adams. Motion carried unanimously. Will add to the BOMA agenda for approval.*
- 3 tree planting requests were presented.
  - **245 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S.** *Michael Johnson moved to approve this request. Seconded by Justin Stelter. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - **204 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S.** *Michael Johnson moved to approve this request. Seconded by Beth Adams. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - **231 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S.** *Justin Stelter moved to approve this request. Seconded by Kim Hoover. Motion carried unanimously.*
- Emerald Ash Borer was discussed and left with the Commission to decide if any information should be added to the Tree Commission page for the Citizens to access.
  - Alderman Blanton suggested the new Arborist, John Manges, coordinate with the City's Communication team to create a video for the website to educate citizens on EAB.
  - Also suggested to be one of the lecture topics.

## 8. INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Skip Heibert visited the Bartlett Tree Expert Research Facility.
  - Over 300 acres dedicated to tree research.
  - Encouraged Commission members to visit.

## 9. ADJOURN

*Michael Johnson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Brandy Blanton. Motion carried unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.