



MINUTES OF A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
FORESTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH
29, 2018 AT 8:00 A.M., IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF
CITY HALL, 2000 NORTH CALHOUN ROAD, BROOKFIELD,
WISCONSIN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ald. Ron Balzer, Ald. Buck Jurken,
Ald. Dan Sutton, Ald. Jeff McCarthy, Ald. Renee Lowerr

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Majeskie, Parks and Forestry Superintendent

1. Chairman Ald. Balzer noted a quorum present and called the Forestation Committee to order at 8:00a.m.
2. Announcements
None
3. Minutes of the March 7, 2014 meeting:
Motion by Ald. McCarthy, second by Ald. Sutton, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2014, Forestation Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0

4. Old Business
None

5. New Business

Consideration of low bid and award of contract for the Elm Grove Road landscaping Project #PR-02-18 to Arthur Weiler, Inc. for the primary bid amount of \$8,505.00

Mr. Majeskie reviewed the scope of project. There are many utilities both underground and above ground, constricted planting space and existing plants that created some design challenges. Most plants to be used are native to the area.

Mr. Majeskie summarized the bids received for the project. He stated that staff recommends that the City award the contract to Arthur Weiler, Inc. in the amount of \$8,505.00 for the primary bid. He further stated the project will start and be completed by *early summer* 2018.

Following a brief discussion Ald. Lowerr moved, seconded by Ald. Jurken approval of the staff recommendation and award of the contract. The Motion carried 5-0

6. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) update.

Mr. Majeskie briefly reviewed the background and history of EAB. Since the discovery of EAB in March 2016 in the southeastern area of the City (Elm Grove Road and I-94), it is now found city-wide. It has been confirmed in over 27 communities in Waukesha County alone. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection extended the EAB Quarantine across the entire state effective March 30, 2018. The quarantine requires businesses handling Ash wood, untreated Ash products and hardwood to sign agreements specifying how they will reduce the risk of moving EAB into non-quarantined areas, specifically other states. They also discourage moving firewood within the state.

The City is now in the reactive EAB strategies which was adopted by the Committee on March 7, 2014. The number of Ash tree removals continue to increase annually on city owned property and will likely peak in the next 2 - 3 years. The increase in Ash tree removals both private and

public has increased the woody material brought to the Recycling Center for processing. The horizontal grinder and recycling yard puts the community in a good position to absorb the increase in wood waste. The wood can be processed to a size that does not allow the EAB larvae to survive.

7. Adjournment

Ald. Sutton moved, seconded by Ald. McCarthy, to adjourn the Forestation Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.