

Colville City Tree Board April 26, 2018

Next meeting, Thursday, June 28th, 4:00pm, Colville City Hall

Present-- Tree Board Members: Eleanor Mattice, Larry Cressey, Kathy Ahlenslager (note-taker); City Councilwoman Anne Lawson.

Item	Discussion or Status	ACTION
Brandon Hull Tree Planting	Brandon Hull and volunteers planted 7 12-foot-tall ash trees April 3rd at the Mobile Ranch Park across from Benny's Colville Inn. The 1.5 to 1.75-inch diameter trees included: 4 <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> 'Patmore' and 3 <i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Purple.' This was not a tree board event, but Hull requested our help. Fischer, Pietroburgo and Lawson assisted.	
Arbor Day Proclamation and Tree Planting	Colville Mayor Lou Janke signed an Arbor Day proclamation for April 27 th , National Arbor Day. The mayor's office has a Tree City USA hat, banners and a Tree City USA flag, which is usually on the city hall flag pole. On April 14th the City of Colville celebrated Arbor Day with a 10am tree planting at McDonald Park. Daniels Nursery donated a 400 lb./2-inch caliper Prairie Spire Ash. City Park employees had dug a hole. Six people planted (Dean Fischer, Eleanor Mattice, Anne Lawson, Jillian Marshall & her two sons) the tree on the eastern edge of the park in the middle.	
Notable Trees	Six nominations have been received. Fischer and Mattice wrote articles requesting nominations for Notable Trees of Colville, which appeared in the Statesman-Examiner and Silverado. Ahlenslager contacted nominators to okay publicity of privately-owned trees and the installation of plaques on trees. Seven people participated in the Notable Tree Walk April 21, 9:30am led by Ahlenslager. Fischer contacted Colville High School shop teacher Todd Strobel regarding the possibility of students making plaques for each tree. On April 10 th the City Council approved \$120 to purchase 12 wooden plaques from Colville High School Industrial Arts class. Plaques will include, City of Colville Notable Tree.	
New Tree Ordinance	The Tree Board establishment ordinances, #1209 & 1211, do not include officers, quorum, or prescribing meetings. The Feb. 27 th City Council passed an ordinance clarifying the organization of the Tree Board. The new ordinance, #1608, is attached below.	
Tree Care Brochure	Fischer found that the Tree Care brochure created by an earlier Tree Board is too large for inclusion in the City utility bill.	Discuss at June meeting.
Radio KCVL	KCVL aired an interview with Fischer on March 16th about the Notable Trees of Colville and Arbor Day.	
DNR Small Community Forestry Assistance Grant	Funding from the Washington Dept. of Natural Resources 2018 grant of about \$10,000 for the inventory, evaluation, and a maintenance plan for about 250 street trees has been received by the City of Colville. Bids for the contract will be out shortly. Lawson and Ahlenslager are surveying downtown businesses regarding street tree concerns to pass on the contractor.	
Yep Kanum Park	In accordance with the Yep Kanum Management Plan to manage for large trees, park employees have a small utility vehicle to minimize soil compaction. Lawson will discuss with the Colville Parks and Recreation Board the suggestion of asking the Colville Rendezvous vendors to only drive on the paved areas. Happy Dell Park in Kettle Falls has such a policy. Lawson will also talk with Police Chief Bob Meshishnek regarding police driving through Yep Kanum.	Lawson will contact Parks and Recreation Board, and Meshishnek.
Heritage Court Park	The City of Colville has a contractor drafting a redesign of the Court. Colville Rotary is cleaning up the Court and removed a dying spruce. The Tree Board was asked about if members thought the four flowering plums should be removed also. Members suggested that they be left for now.	
Certified Arborist List	With concerns regarding the pruning of some privately-owned trees in Colville pruning and in the spirit of education, the Tree Board lead by Mattice, will compile a list of certified arborists for the City to have on hand for requests from the public.	Mattice

Street Trees	Email 3/13/2018 from Street Supervisor Jeff Long to Mayor Lou Janke regarding 3 trees pruned on the south side of Chase Bank: "The only [privately owned] ones I know of in downtown core are as follows, corner of Hawthorne and 395 on 395 side – owner trees; Birch and 395 on Birch side – owner trees; corner of Oak and 1 st on the 1 st side – we have no paperwork that I'm aware of that designates that these trees are owner's but the dealings we've had in the past dictate that they are owner's." Ahlenslager asked why the tree in front of Key Bank was cut. Lawson will ask Jeff Long at the Colville Public Works Dept. if the City cut the tree.	Lawson will contact Long.
Meeting Frequency	Mattice moved and Ahlenslager seconded to have meetings every two months. Passed unanimously.	
Truck Bypass	Cressey suggested the Tree Board explore the possibility of planting trees along the bypass on the west side of town. Trees would have to be deciduous because of shading concerns on the roadway. Who would water the trees for two seasons? Members agreed this would be a worthwhile Tree Board project. Cressey will contact Jeff Long at Colville Public Works Dept.	Cressey will contact Long.
For the Future		
Education	In the future Tree Board members might consider writing newspaper articles about the benefits of trees.	

ORDINANCE NO. 1608 N.S.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLVILLE, WASHINGTON AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1211 N.S. REGARDING THE CITY TREE BOARD AND ESTABLISHING OFFICERS, QUORUM AND MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish a procedure for Officers, Quorum and Meetings for the City Tree Board.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Colville, Washington, does hereby ordain as follows:

Ordinance No. 1211 N.S., Colville Municipal Code Chapter 2.108, is hereby amended to add and/or amend the following sections:

2,108.020 Mission

Trees are a symbol of Washington State and the Great Northwest — signifying strength, power and abundance. Trees provide numerous human physiological and psychological health benefits offer soil stability afford habitat for animals bestow beauty, quiet and freshness to our environment and enhance the urban setting. In this regard the City of Colville Tree Board will promote the care, maintenance and conservation of trees. The Tree Board will advise the City on tree management on the grounds of City parks and right-of-ways and will encourage private landowners to manage their trees for safety, beauty, and the public welfare. The Tree Board will encourage the planting of new trees while reserving historic heritage trees throughout the City through education, programs and joint projects. The Tree Board wishes to support an environment that encourages a sense of community and pride.

2,108.035 Officers — Quorum Meetings

- A. Officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary other officers as maybe necessary. Officers shall be elected by the Committee in January of each year.
- B. It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to preside at all meetings of the Committee and of the secretary to keep official minutes of all meetings and of all proceedings of the Committee.
- C. Minutes of all meetings of the Committee shall be provided to the City Clerk within 30 days of the meeting date.
- D. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a majority of those present shall be necessary to carry any proposition.
- E. The Committee shall fix the time and place of its meetings. The meetings of the Committee shall be public. Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chairperson.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Colville, Washington the 27th day of February, 2018.



Mayor Louis F. Janke

Attest:



Holly Pannel, MMC, PFO, City Clerk/
Human Resource Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorneys McGrane & Schuerman