

Colville City Tree Board October 24, 2018

Next meeting, Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm, Colville City Hall

Present-- Tree Board Members: Dean Fischer, Eleanor Mattice, Steve Pietroburgo, Kathy Ahlenslager (note-taker); City Councilwoman Anne Lawson.

**Trees Are Simply Amazing:** They clean air and water, slow climate change ease poverty and hunger, prevent species loss, and feed the human soul. All we need to do is plant and care for them. Let's work together to make it happen around the world. (Arbor Day Foundation)

Item	Discussion or Status	ACTION
August Meeting Notes	Moved to accept by Mattice and seconded by Pietroburgo, unanimously approved.	
Notable Trees Plaques	Colville High School teacher Todd Strobel has a contract with the City for 12 plaques and funding available until Dec. 31th.	
Tree Care Brochure	Lawson will have it resized to 8x11 inches for inclusion in a fall 2018 utility bill. We plan to follow this with a spring 2019 flyer on appropriate trees to plant for homeowners.	All Tree Board members
Truck Bypass	Cressey will talk with Jeff Cochran to follow-up on discussion from the April meeting. Members discussed tabling this project.	Cressey
DNR Small Community Forestry Assistance Grant	Spokane arborist Jim Flott completed an assessment of 234 street trees and a management plan. He recommends replacing 5 trees and pruning the remainder 229. Pruning could cost \$400/tree. All Tree Committee members will be sent the plan for review.	All committee members review plant & identify potential projects.
	Towards completion of the grant, Lawson and Fischer have set-up a pruning training November 7 <sup>th</sup> 8-9:30am by WSU extension arborist and forester Garth Davis at Colville Community College, Room 107. Fischer invited Colville, Kettle Falls & Chewelah Street Departments, Colville High School FFA students, and Master Gardeners.	
	Another grant item for completion is pruning. The City has \$8,000 for pruning in 2018. Lawson will ask Mayor Janke if this will occur by December 31 <sup>st</sup> . The City has \$10,000 for pruning in 2019. Proposals for 2019 SCFAG are due December 31 <sup>st</sup> . Lawson will ask Lampman if a proposal would be accepted if the 2018 pruning isn't accomplished as identified in the 2018 proposal.	Lawson
	Regarding aphid control, Flott suggested lady beetles, better care of trees through watering and mulch, so they are so stressed.	
Community Tree Care	Mattice suggested acknowledging businesses that plant trees and will write thank you notes to them. Fired Up and Wipa recently planted trees and will be sent cards.	Mattice

Did you know that the average homeowner can save up to 20 percent on energy bills by planting the right trees in the right place? That tree can also improve air quality, sequester carbon, help manage stormwater runoff, and more.

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