

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION: A resolution designating the City Forester as the City's Authorized Representative for the purpose of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Urban Forestry Grants for calendar year 2024 and directing him to submit an Urban Forestry Grant Application.

REPORT PREPARED BY: Joseph L. Kerlin, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry

REPORT DATE: August 23, 2023

MEETING DATE: August 29, 2023

FISCAL SUMMARY:

Budget Line Item: N/A
Budget Summary: N/A
Budget: N/A
Expenditure:
Budgeted Revenue: N/A

STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin 23.097
Statutes:
Municipal Code: N/A

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS: In 2016, the City wrote and approved an Urban Forestry Management Plan. The City has since budgeted annual funds for tree planting, tree removal, tree trimming and ash tree treatment. The Department of Public Works has also applied for and has received over \$100,000 in grants since 2016 to assist with the management plan. The Department will be applying for another WI DNR grant and in order to be eligible for the grant, the attached resolution needs to be approved by the Common Council. The maximum amount of the grant is \$25,000, which would require a \$25,000 match from the City. This would be covered by the annual forestry budget. The grant application is due on October 2, 2023 and will be used for the calendar year 2024.

STAFF COMMENTS: Tim Bull, City Forester, is researching several different project options which are grant eligible. Each year the WI DNR highlights different areas of urban forestry that would score higher in the grant process. Tim is considering combining several needed projects that would score high in the grant ranking.

ACTION REQUESTED: Motion to recommend the Common Council adopt Res. No. 48-23-24 designating the City Forester as the City's Authorized Representative for the purpose of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Urban Forestry Grants for Calendar Year 2024 and directing him to submit an Urban Forestry Grant Application.

ATTACHMENTS:

- I. Res. No. 48-23-24