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Res. No. 18 - 23 - 24. By Alderpersons Dekker and Rust. June 5, 2023.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Director of Public Works to take necessary actions to receive a grant from Alliant Energy and a grant from Restoration of Our Trees Sheboygan for the purchase and planting of municipal trees and authorizing an adjustment to the 2023 budget.

WHEREAS, for the past several years, the City has needed to remove a large quantity of municipal trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer Disease; and

WHEREAS, historically, the City purchases municipal trees the year prior to the intended planting season in order to take advantage of better availability; and

WHEREAS, consistent with this practice, the City Forester issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") in August, 2022, for 700 trees; and

WHEREAS, the RFP was awarded to the nursery with the lowest price per tree species and, in this case, the award was split between Schichtel's Nursery, Inc. and Chestnut Ridge Nursery, Inc. for a total purchase price of \$67,024.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Forester has applied for two grants to supplement funding for planting municipal trees; and

WHEREAS, Alliant Energy has awarded the City the Wisconsin Alliant Energy Community Tree Program and One Million Trees Initiative Grant, which provides the City \$5,000.00 to be used exclusively for the acquisition and planting of trees on and around Vollrath Park; and

WHEREAS, Restoration of Our Trees Sheboygan ("ROOTS") has offered to award the City a ROOTS Community Investment Fund Grant of \$18,487.00, representing 50% of the cost of purchasing 400 bare root trees to be planted as street trees, and throughout various City parks; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 City budget contemplated \$60,000.00 for the purchase and planting of municipal trees or the contracting of work to meet the needs of the City's Urban Forestry Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Director of Public Works is authorized to sign all documents necessary to obtain and administer the grants.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Finance Director is authorized to make the following budget amendment to account for the corresponding revenue and expenses related to the above grants:

INCREASE:
Capital Projects Fund - Capital Projects -
 Local Grant (Acct. No. 400-437005) \$23,487
Capital Projects Fund - Capital Public Works -
 Trees/Forestry (Acct. No. 400300-641150) \$23,487

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Dated _____ 20____. _____, City Clerk

Approved _____ 20____. _____, Mayor