

**City of Whitewater Urban Forestry Commission
August 28, 2023 Minutes
Community Room - 2nd Floor - 4:30 p.m. In Person and Virtual
312 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190**

Roll Call: Present: Stone, Alt, Leaver, Taylor, Chandler, and Brockman. Absent: Tevis and Stanek.

Called to Order: By Vice Chair Alt at 4:03 p.m.

Hearing of Citizens Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Taylor/Stone Approved

Approval of July 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Leaver/Stone. Approved

Treasurer's Report: (Leaver) Still \$1,049-no action since last meeting. Haven't heard from City regarding reimbursements for Stanek, Chandler/Neis reimbursement status?

Staff Report: (Beckman) Storm clean up regarding city work from July 29th through August 4th

301 Man Hrs	\$12,994.17
81 Hrs Chipper and truck	\$2,812.32
50.5 Hrs Pick up	\$834.26
56 Hrs Dump Truck	\$1649.76
3 Hrs Bucket/boom Truck	\$190.44
4 Hrs Wheel Loader	\$302.00
32 Hrs Sweeper Truck	\$3,251.20
30.5 Hrs Chain Saw	\$241.56
Total	\$22,275.71

Recognition by Commission of City's Cleanup Efforts and brush services.

Four trees to be removed due to storm damage after concrete/asphalt work.

Discussion and handout regarding tree diseases and trees to avoid in future plantings. Handout is attached.

Arboretum Update: Interpretive signage for Welcome Center has been ordered, paid for and waiting for delivery Tree inventory has been completed, just need to input numbers to comply with grant requirements. City is watering 1x 2 times per week. Just about everything planted for

the arboretum is surviving. It's a big investment the City is making in efforts to protect the investment of plantings.

Weeding in beds is an issue and spraying needs to be done. If 5-8 people volunteer then will take a day to go through all beds.

Tree City/Tree Talk: Territorial Tree condition report: Bid requested, and waiting back. A difficult job; crane potentially needed, large job.

Bird City/Bird Talk: Purple Martin nests update Chandler: 103 Martins fledged from 2 City Bird Houses and three privately owned houses. Continue membership in Purple Martin Association. Motion to renew at \$35.00. Taylor and Stone; Passed unanimously.

Swift Night Out updates (Stanek and Chandler); August 450 birds counted. Counting at middle school chimney. Next September 1 and September 9 sessions beginning at sunset to conclusion

Items For Future Discussion: 1) Milkweed protection/planting. 2) Protection of oaks from library expansion.

Adjournment: 5:29 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 25, 2023