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Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Informational City Council Meeting 4 PM

Carnegie Town Hall

Sioux Falls City Council

235 West 10th Street

Members Present: Janet Brekke, Christine M. Erickson, Rick Kiley, Greg Neitzert, Marshall Selberg, Curt Soehl, Pat Starr, Theresa Stehly

Members Absent: None

1. Call To Order

Council Chair Christine M. Erickson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

2. City Council Open Discussion

There was none.

3. Presentations

Lincoln-Minnehaha County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan Update by Regan A. Smith, Fire Rescue Emergency Manager

Presentation: Approximately 10 minutes followed by discussion

Smith introduced representatives from Public Works and Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties Emergency Management. He presented a PowerPoint presentation which covered the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, Importance of the PDM Plan, and the PDM Planning Process.

Discussion followed regarding Environmental/Storm Water Manager Andy Berg's role with the plan.

Emerald Ash Borer City Response Update by Don Kearney, Director of Parks and B. Recreation

Presentation: Approximately 5 minutes followed by discussion

Kelby Mieras, Park Operations Manager, began the presentation by thanking the departments that have been involved in the process. He presented a PowerPoint presentation which covered: Emerald Ash Borer - Mortality; Ash Tree Numbers in Sioux Falls (est.); EAB Action Plan - 2018/2019; Street Tree Removal Plan; Public Tree Removal Plan; Ash Tree Mortality and Proposed Pace of Removal; Private Tree Removal; Wood Waste Disposal; Proposed Ordinance Changes; New Reality of Our Urban Forest; Communication Plan; and Conclusion.

Discussion followed regarding: classification of trees; change of fees; how to tell if a tree has been treated; requirements for an arborist license or certified arborist; how to know if you have a qualified arborist; avoiding scams; what tree would you like to see replace the Ash tree; who is doing the spot checks; cost associated with a replanting permit; treatment plan for a live tree; fewer Ash trees in 10 years; plant trees now; letter read by Council Member Theresa Stehly; will the City treat trees; Project T.R.I.M; number of arborist in Sioux Falls; Stehly's plan to conduct a survey regarding how communities care for trees in the boulevard; commendation of plan; glad to continue with Project T.R.I.M; what is the

enforcement for dead and diseased trees; any City subsidies available for removing trees; scammers; communication for haulers; Ash trees along the river; bug survival; explanation requested for the fee increase; arborist peddlers license information; replanting of trees; and options for transporting the trees during the no travel period.

4. Public Comment

There was none.

5. Adjournment

City Council Chair Christine M. Erickson adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m.

Denise D. Tucker, MMC

Assistant City Clerk