TREE COMMISSION

October 26, 2026

The October 26, 2026 Tree Commission meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers by Chari Alesch, Chairperson. Tree Commission members present were Chari Alesch, Vincent Donnersbach, Judi Lambrite, and John Walker. Jason Lemire was absent.

Others present included: Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; and Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes of the August 24, 2026 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each Tree Commission member, were approved as received.

Mr. Korte shared information regarding the sidewalk assessment that had recently been completed by Precision Safe Sidewalks. He said that the City had started gathering information from other municipalities in order to develop a plan for how the City can create and implement a full sidewalk repair and maintenance program. Mr. Korte said that once he had finished gathering this information, additional discussions would be had to determine how the City would approach this process and how it might affect trees.

Mr. Taylor shared that the following trees need to have work done on them:

- At 208 N. 7th St., a resident reported hearing loud noises coming from the top of a tree. Mr. Taylor inspected the tree and determined it was healthy with no apparent concerns. A second tree on the property was identified for further evaluation by Bill Sowers Tree Service.
- At 366 N. 8th St., a tree appeared to be dead; however, Bill Sowers Tree Service will inspect the tree before any course of action is determined.
- At 335 W. Johnson St., a tree had a significant amount of dead branching in the upper canopy and will require evaluation by Bill Sowers Tree Service.
- At 421 E. Bigelow St., a tree exhibited dead growth in the upper canopy and will require evaluation by Bill Sowers Tree Service.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

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Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant Chari Alesch, Chairperson