

**Devils Lake Shade Tree Committee**  
**7-8-21**

Present: Cathy Olson, Cory Meyer, Jack Volk, Terry Thompson, Paula Bourcy, Terry Wallace, Paul Thompson.

Terry W called the meeting to order. Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy. Carried.

Discussion was held on decision making process for the Shade Tree Committee. Jack apologized for not going through Shade Tree prior to going ahead with calling for bids for tree trimming. He said he will make sure the Committee is kept in the loop on further decisions.

Paula asked if the process was to have Shade Tree make a recommendation to the City Commission and then the City Commission makes final decision. She was told that is the correct process.

Cory said Angry Beaver got the low bid for trimming trees with a bid of \$30,000. He is working in Area 1 north of 10<sup>th</sup> St. The west side area is probably the worst as far as needing trimming. There may be money left in the budget to do some tree trimming in the alleys.

Terry W asked why there was such a huge difference in bid amounts for the first bid opening for tree trimming. Cory told him there was a big misunderstanding on what the bid was asking for so the project was re-bid.

Jack stated the City's ordinance that outlines the duties of the Shade Tree Committee also states the city commission shall appoint a shade tree foreman upon the recommendation of the Shade Tree Committee. It further states the foreman shall receive a salary based on training and experience.

Cory felt the shade tree foreman should receive extra compensation for performing those duties.

Jack requested the Shade Tree Committee recommend the city commission appoint Cory Meyer as shade tree foreman.

Paula made a motion to recommend the city commission appoint Cory Meyer as shade tree foreman. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy.

Paul said back in the 80's the city began having a paid forester and it's always been done.

Paula asked if additional compensation for shade tree foreman would come from city budget.

Jack told her it would be in the city budget but may be included in the Shade Tree Committee budget next year.

Motion carried.

Cory said there is \$7,000 in the budget for tree purchases and stump grinding. There doesn't seem to be as much interest in the tree vouchers as there usually is. Vouchers are good for \$125 each.

Jack asked if the voucher could be used to hire a professional to spade a tree in and was told that a voucher could be used for that.

Jack made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry T. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson  
Recording Secretary