Devils Lake Shade Tree Committee 9-9-21

Present: Terry Thompson, Cathy Olson, Sara Laite, Terry Wallace, Cory Meyer, Nate Bennet, Mark Olson, Helen Carlson.

Terry W called the meeting to order. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8-12-21 meeting. Motion 2nd by Cathy. Carried.

Cory said the contractor has been cutting trees on the west side and north of 10th St. Should be able to wrap up all the trimming in a couple weeks. Once that is completed, they plan to start trimming trees in the alleys.

Eric Locken is the contractor and there should be money left for alley work. There are 3-4 trees that will need to be cut by a contractor. There are very few elm trees left in town.

There are still a few tree vouchers left.

There is some stump removal work left to do.

Cory said next year he would like to have a crew to do work on short notice instead of pulling the contractor off the job.

Cathy asked if we have enough equipment for a crew and was told most of the equipment is tired and old, but there is money in the budget for chain saws.

Terry T asked about a plan to get rid of Russian olive trees, especially by the snow dump site on Hwy 20 S.

Cory stated the majority of any Russian olives are outside the city limits and the City has no money or a crew to take care of that.

Cathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2nd by Sara. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson