



Our Mission: *To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.*

**City of Oregon
Tree Board Agenda
Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 @ 4:30 pm.**

115 N 3rd Street

City Hall Conference Room

Public Comment

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18th, 2025
2. Update on Tree Plantings – Jordan
3. Update on Bird City – Caleb & Darin
4. Discuss Possible Forestry Plan

The Forestry Plan would look something like this:

The Tree Board shall develop, and each subsequent year, update the Urban Forestry Plan. The plan shall outline urban forestry program activities for a minimum of the next five (5) years. This plan shall:

- a. Describe the urban forestry activities to be undertaken by the City,
 - b. The reasons for those activities,
 - c. The possible funding sources,
 - d. The means of accomplishing the activities,
 - e. The alternatives available to the City to fund or accomplish the activity,
 - f. The projected date of completion and
 - g. The consequences if the activity is not completed.
 - h. Activities may include but are not limited to street tree inventory, planting, tree removal, beautification projects, and educational projects
5. Other business
 6. Adjournment

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Chairperson: Mark Herman
Secretary:
Jordan Plock, Street Foreman
Bill Covell, Dir. Of Public Works (Ex-officio)

Tyler Hagemann
Grant Afflerbaugh
Caleb Jenks
Darin DeHaan, City Manager (Ex-officio)

Tree Board Minutes
Tuesday March 18th, 2025, 4:30 pm
115 N 3rd Street

City Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Grant Afflerbaugh, Darin DeHaan, Mark Herman, Cheryl Hilton, Caleb Jenks, Tom Pacey, Josh Pickering, Jordan Plock, and Terry Schuster.

Mark Herman called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

No public comment.

Mark Herman moved to approve the November 19th, 2024 minutes, Seconded by Jordan Plock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation Tree Sale: Darin DeHaan said not many people know about the tree sale and he encouraged community members to reach out to get them.

How to: Review/Update Approved Tree List: A work session will be held at the next meeting to go over the current tree list. The committee agreed to review the list of approved trees annually. Josh Pickering is working towards becoming a certified arborist. He is a member of the city's public works department.

Arbor Day Celebration: A tree planting will be scheduled with community and committee members in attendance.

Bird City USA Designation: Terry Schuster spoke to the committee about the potential for the city to become a Bird City. The Bird City designation works with the Tree City USA designation. The Audubon Society helps to guide the program. A list of requirements was presented to the committee. Many of the requirements are already being met in the community. They discussed partnerships with other community organizations and items that could be worked on prior to applying for the designation.

Other Business: Jordan Plock reported on the tree replacement program. He said twenty-five trees have been purchased and eighteen have been planted. He would like more community interest before purchasing another twenty-five trees. The informational signs with QR codes have been ordered. Tom Pacey said he has discussed the Living Lands and Waters million trees incentive with Steve Rypkema. He wondered if there was any interest for the city to receive some of these small saplings. Grant Afflerbaugh asked if the city has a place to plant the saplings. Darin DeHaan said there may be space by the city dog park.

Future meeting dates for 2025: City Hall Conference Room at 4:30 pm. May 20th, July 15th, and September 16th, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk.