

Grimes Tree Board Agenda

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Mission Statement

The mission of Grimes City Government is to provide excellent/exceptional city services and facilities in a financially responsible and community-friendly manner through a high performing city team that result in adding value to resident's lives.

Grimes Grimes Tree Board Meeting October 2, 2024 Grimes Community Center, 410 SE Main Street

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. City of Grimes Community Tree Planting Program

ADJOURNMENT



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This meeting of the Grimes Tree Board was called to order Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Lee Goldsmith, Russ Lickteig, April Moore, Sally Worley, Dick Piphon

Staff: Kevin Hensley, Rachel Greving

Absent: Mark Dungan

A. GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Goldsmith, Second by Lickteig, to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting

Roll Call: Ayes-All; Nays-0 Motion passes: 5-0

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Lickteig, Second by Moore, to approve the agenda

Roll call: Ayes-All: Nays-0 Motion passes: 5-0

B. PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS

1. City of Grimes Arboretum

Staff member Hensley highlighted details of the site plan. The arboretum is planned to be completed in four phases to make it possible to pay for the majority of the project with grants.

Board Member Goldsmith expressed concerns with the layout and choices of some of the trees.

The Board stated that they would like to be continuously involved in approving the trees being planting throughout the project.

Motion by Worley, Second by Lickteig to approve proceeding with plans for City of Grimes Arboretum

Roll Call: Aye-All Nay-0 **Motion Passes 5-0**

2. Tree Board New Meeting Time

Staff member Greving explained that there is a conflict with another Board for the current meeting time of the Grimes Tree Board.

The Board discussed options and agreed that the first Wednesday of the month, every other month would be acceptable.

No action taken.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Chairperson Signature

Clerk Signature

CITY OF
GRIMES
TREE BOARD COMMUNICATION
Meeting Date:

AGENDA ITEM: Recommendation for City of Grimes Community Tree Planting Program

BACKGROUND: The Public Works Department is seeking recommendations on the community tree planting program. The program would include providing 2 trees per household with proof of residency and providing delivery services for the trees. Trees would be in the 7–10-gallon size and be provided to residents at a discounted cost. This program will provide an Arbor Day event moving forward due to the lack of planting space available for large planting events.

Tree Species Available for Purchase

Residents may choose from the following tree species (subject to availability):

1. American Linden
2. Eastern Redbud
3. Red Oak
4. Ironwood
5. Bald Cypress
6. Kentucky Coffee Tree
7. River Birch
8. White Pine
9. Swamp White Oak
10. Red Maple

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: Trees normally priced in the \$80-120 range will be sold to residents at \$30 per tree with the City of Grimes covering the rest of the cost to purchase the trees using operation funds.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Prioritized ___ YES ___ NO

*High-Performing Organization/Exception Professional Services _____

*Great Place to Live/Expanded Quality of Life Amenities _____

*Dynamic Town/Strong Sense of Community _____

*More Beautiful/Vibrant Community _____

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Council approval

RESPONSIBLE STAFF/CONTACT INFORMATION: Kevin Hensley

Prepared by: ___ DEG _____

Return to: ___ KLH _____

Leaf it to Grimes: Tree Planting Program

The City of Grimes aims to launch a **Tree Planting Program** to encourage residents to plant trees and enhance the community's green space. The program will allow residents to purchase trees at a discounted rate, with a limit of **2 trees per household** to ensure equitable distribution and allow for more residents to participate. Below is a comprehensive outline for the program, including the tree purchasing process and eligible species.

1. Program Overview

- **Program Name:** Leaf It to Grimes: Tree Planting Program (Subject to Change)
 - **Purpose:** To promote tree planting within the community and provide affordable tree purchasing options for residents.
 - **Tree Limit:** Maximum of **2 trees per household**.
 - **Eligible Participants:** All Grimes residents. Proof of residency (e.g., utility bill or ID) will be required at the time of purchase.
 - **Tree Delivery:** Grimes Public Works Department will deliver trees during a specified range of dates.
 - **Dates of Availability:** January 2025-March 2025
 - **Cost to Residents:** \$30 per tree
 - **Tree Size:** 7-10 gallon
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2. Tree Species Available for Purchase

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These species were selected for their suitability to the local climate and their contributions to the city's biodiversity.

3. Tree Purchase Process for Residents

- **Pre-Order:** Residents will have the opportunity to pre-order trees online or at designated city offices.
 - **Order Confirmation:** Once orders are placed, residents will receive confirmation and details on tree delivery dates.
 - **Delivery:** Trees will be available for delivery from the Public Works Department during a specified window.
 - **Limit:** Households may purchase up to 2 trees, based on availability.
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4. Marketing and Outreach

To ensure the program reaches the public:

- **Flyers and Mailers:** Distributed to households across the city.
 - **City Website:** Updates on the tree species, pricing, and purchasing instructions.
 - **Social Media Campaign:** Regular posts leading up to and during the program.
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This Tree Purchase Program supports the City of Grimes' goal of increasing its urban canopy and providing residents with affordable, high-quality trees. The bidding process ensures that the city will receive healthy trees at competitive prices while giving residents the opportunity to enhance their properties with minimal cost.

Which name do you like best for a tree purchase program?

- **Grimes Green Tree Initiative**
- **Roots for Grimes**
- **Branching Out Grimes**
- **Grimes Tree Guardians**
- **Grimes Greener Futures**
- **TreeMendous Grimes**
- **Leaf It to Grimes**
- **Grimes Community Canopy**
- **Shade for Tomorrow: Grimes Tree Program**
- **Grow Grimes: Tree Planting Program**