

The regular meeting of the Tree Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Seward Memorial Library, (Main Level Conference Room), 233 S 5th St, Seward, which meeting will be open to the public. Present: Gregg Einspahr, Larry Goldsmith, Chuck Matzke, and Thomas Suhr. Absent: Ken Schmieding. Others in Attendance: Mike Oneby, Bob Core, Rich Wergin

Notice of meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places" City Hall, Civic Center and Seward Public Library. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were while convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Seward Memorial Library for public inspection.

1. Discussion of Friends of trees Award Recipient and Arbor Day Festivities
 - a. The annual Arbor Day celebration will be held Friday, April 28th at 1:00pm at the Civic Center.
2. Possible Tree Removal – Discussion/Action
 - a. 947 Elm (large ash tree)
 - b. 446 N 8th (on moffit St. next to alley – large hackberry tree)
 - c. 119 S 2nd (Maple Tree)
 - Motion made by Goldsmith to approve the removal of the listed trees. Seconded by Suhr

Aye: Einspahr, Goldsmith, Matzke, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: Schmieding- Motion carried.

3. City Ordinance Update – Mike Oneby
 - a. City ordinance No. 2023-8 passed in the city council and has been officially adopted to city code.
4. Consent Items – Minutes (January 10, 2023)
 - Motion made by Suhr to approve last meetings minutes. Seconded by Goldsmith

Aye: Einspahr, Goldsmith, Matzke, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: Schmieding- Motion carried.

5. Adjourn
 - Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Suhr, Seconded by Goldsmith.

Aye: Einspahr, Goldsmith, Matzke, Suhr

Nay: None

Absent: Schmieding- Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-8

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, CHAPTER 364 TREES, ARTICLE 1 PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS, SECTION 3 DISTANCE FROM UTILITY LINES AND FIRE HYDRANTS; TO ADJUST THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANTING OF TREES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD AS FOLLOWS:

That Chapter 364 of the Municipal Code of the City of Seward is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. That section 364-1.3 be amended as follows:

§ 364-1.3 Location of Trees.

- A. Street trees shall be planted between the back of curb and the front of the sidewalk. If the distance between the back of curb and front of sidewalk is less than six feet, the street tree shall be planted between the back of sidewalk and the edge of the public right-of-way, provided that the distance between the two is a minimum of five feet. No street trees or park trees may be planted under or within 10 lateral feet of any overhead utility wire, or over or within five lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer line, transmission line or other utility, line, wire or main. Street trees shall not be planted within 10 feet of any fire hydrant and twenty feet of any streetlight.
- B. Exceptions to the street tree requirement may be granted only if no site can be found along the entire length of the lot frontage and, if applicable, also along the entire length of the lot sideage. Exceptions shall be approved with the unanimous consent of the reviewing agencies.
- C. To qualify for reimbursement through the Community Relief Project, trees shall be planted no further than thirty feet from the back of curb.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. All remaining ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. WHEN OPERATIVE; PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM. This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and shall be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2023

CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA


Joshua Eickmeier, Mayor

ATTEST:


Derek Bargmann
City Clerk





HAPPY ARBOR DAY

The 51st Annual Official Consecutive
Arbor Day in Seward - 2023

City of Seward Celebration

An Official
“Tree City USA”
Community

Program at the
Seward Civic Center Porch
Seward, Nebraska

(in case of bad weather,
it will be in the Civic Center Auditorium)

Friday, April 28 at 1:00 pm