

The regular meeting of the Tree Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska was held on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, 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: Larry Goldsmith, Chuck Matzke, Kregg Einspahr, and Thomas Suhr. Absent: Ken Schmieding. Others in Attendance: City Engineer Mike Oneby, Street Superintendent Bob Miers and Council member 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 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. Removal of private trees in the South 400 blocks between 4th and 6th Streets – Discussion/Action
Motion made by Goldsmith and seconded by Suhr for designated trees to be removed in accordance with city code 364-1.7.

Aye: Matzke, Goldsmith, Einspahr, Suhr.

Nay: None.

Absent: Schmieding. Motion carried.

2. 2025 Ash Tree Removal – Discussion
Bob Miers (City of Seward Street Superintendent) mentioned that there is no plan in place to remove currently healthy ash trees to get ahead of the Emerald Ash Borer and will continue removing diseased trees as they become infected.
3. Dead/Diseased Trees on Private Property – Discussion
No action taken.
4. Trees for Removal – Discussion/Action
No action taken. List for trees to be removed was presented at previous meeting.

Larry Goldsmith left the meeting.

5. Future Agenda Items – Suggestions/Recommendations
50/50 cost share program or full tree replacement for residences who lost trees to the highway expansion project.
Reduce caliper size requirement for Releaf program to 1 ¾" or less.
6. Consent Items
Motion made by Suhr to accept July 9, 2024, Minutes. Seconded by Goldsmith.

Aye: Matzke, Einspahr, Suhr.

Nay: None.

Absent: Schmieding, Goldsmith. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

1. 453 S 4th Street – Tree is dead/diseased – Tree is located on the southwest corner of the property near the alley and ash street.
2. 416 S 5th Street – Tree is dead/diseased – Tree is located on the rear of the property on the east side near the alley.
3. 403 S 4th Street – Tree is dead/diseased – Tree is located on the rear of the property on the west side near the alley.
4. 417 S 4th Street – Tree is dead/diseased – Tree is located on the rear of the property on the southwest corner near the alley.

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#3



#4

