

**CITY OF CONNELL
TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2018
Minutes**

Call to Order: 3:06pm

Attendance:

Present: Chairman Ken Sellereite, Board Members; Linda Bailie and Kim Phanthavong

Absent: Jewel York and Becky Daggett

Staff: City Administrator Maria Peña and Secretary Marissa Ortiz

Visitor: Garth Davis

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tree Board member discussion

Chairman Sellereite announced his resignation and the resignation of board members Jewel York and Becky Daggett. All three board members submitted letters of resignation. Vacancies for three new members would need to be posted on the city website and at City Hall.

Board members discussed potential residents who could be interested in becoming members.

Chairman Sellereite questioned if interested members needed to reside in Connell? The City's Municipal Code stated that members shall live or work in the Connell area.

Arbor Day planned activities

Conversation was held on Arbor Day, which was set to be celebrated during the last Saturday in April. What activities to plan during the event was mentioned, no ideas were heard. Ideas would need to be discussed at the next Tree Board meeting. The next meeting would be scheduled before that weekend.

Garth Davis

Garth Davis an arborist was present; he provided and discussed an assessment on inventory he did of all city trees. He also gave management recommendations along with conclusions. He was willing to train city staff or inmate crews on structural pruning, planting and mulch ring installation and maintenance. Public Works Department employees could also be present to learn and work together. Mr. Davis planned to attend during Arbor Day celebration.

Other

City Administrator Maria Peña spoke about future trees within Connell. Since recently the Port of Pasco had approached her about investing in economic development in the City of Connell. The future trees could be planted on the future walk path down Main Street. It was not a definite go ahead yet.

Once ready, the City could purchase the new trees from a company called "Garden Gate". The company was great to work with and the trees were of higher quality.

It was decided the next meeting would take place before Arbor Day celebration.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.