

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: May 12, 2010
RE: *Board & Committee Appointment (Tree Advocacy Group – Ed White)

For the Agenda of May 17, 2010

***Note: This is a Consent Agenda item and is considered as routine by the City Commission. As such, this matter shall be automatically enacted by one motion with all other Consent Agenda items unless a Commissioner or citizen requests this item be individually discussed, in which event it shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered and acted upon in its designated sequence on the approved agenda of the Clare City Commission for May 17, 2010.**

Background. The City's adopted Municipal Tree Ordinance created a five-member Tree Advocacy Group who are residents of the municipality with the following primary responsibilities: assisting the Director of Public Works in developing a tree plan for the City; promoting the goals of the tree program; coordinating annual Arbor Day events; promoting new and existing tree programs; and providing a means of public input in a community forestry management plan.

The Tree Advocacy Group held its first (organizational) meeting on May 6th. One of the discussion items on the agenda of the Group was to formulate a list of individuals the Group deemed qualified and desirable for appointment to the vacant seat of this five-member advisory entity. The Group's primary recommendation was Mr. Ed White, the former owner of White's Nursery in Clare and a resident of the City. Mr. White has agreed to serve in this position at the pleasure of the City Commission; the Commission is asked to approve this appointment.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission approve the appointment of Ed White to serve as a member of the City's Tree Advocacy Group?

Alternatives.

1. Approve the appointment.
2. Select other City residents to serve in this position.
3. Do not appoint anyone to serve in the vacant position.
4. Defer/delay decision of this matter to a subsequently scheduled City Commission meeting.

Financial Impact. There is no direct financial impact to the City.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission approve the appointment of Ed White to serve a three-year term as a member of the Advocacy Group by adoption of Resolution 2010-046 (*copy att'd*).

Attachment. Resolution 2010-046.

RESOLUTION 2010-046

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING MR. ED WHITE TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF CLARE TREE ADVOCACY GROUP.

WHEREAS, the City of Clare adopted a Tree Ordinance in 2008; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance provides for the creation of a Tree Advocacy Group;

WHEREAS, the primary responsibilities of said Advocacy Group include assisting the Director of Public Works in developing a tree plan for the City; promoting the goals of the municipal tree program; coordinating annual Arbor Day events within the community; promoting new and existing tree programs; and providing a means of public input in a community forestry management plan; and

WHEREAS, said Advocacy Group consists of five appointed members; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists on said Advocacy Group; and

WHEREAS, the currently appointed members of said Advocacy Group have recommended the appointment of Mr. Ed White to fill said vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White has agreed to serve as a member of said Advocacy Group if appointed by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission thanks Mr. Ed White for his interest in serving the Clare Community and further considers him to be fully qualified to perform the duties as voting members of the City of Clare Tree Advocacy Group.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Clare hereby appoints Mr. Ed White to serve a three-year term as voting members of the City of Clare Tree Advocacy Group, said appointment being effective the 17th day of May 2010 and terminating on the 16th day of May 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointments are voluntary and without compensation and that Mr. Ed White may resign said appointment by providing the City Commission written notice of his intentions to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is an at-will appointment of the City Commission and can be revoked, terminated, or rescinded by the City Commission at its discretion without stated cause or prejudice and without prior notice.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 17th day of May 2010.

Diane Schmidt, City Clerk