

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: November 6, 2009
RE: *Board & Committee Appointment (Tree Advocacy Group – Ron Verch, Mel Johns, John Audretsch, & Jeanne Sheelander)

For the Agenda of November 9, 2009

***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 November 9, 2009.**

Background. The City adopted a Municipal Tree Ordinance in 2008. The 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.

We have solicited interest from the community for appointment to the Advocacy Group and have found four community members who have agreed to appointment: Ms. Jeanne Sheelander and Messrs. Ron Verch, Mel Johns, and John Audretsch. I ask that the City Commission appoint these four members to allow the Advocacy Group to commence its duties; we will continue searching for a fifth community member to fill the remaining seat.

The initial terms of these appointments are two members to serve one-year terms; two members to serve two-year terms; and one member to serve a three-year term.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission approve the appointment of Jeanne Sheelander, Ron Verch, Mel Johns, and John Audretsch to serve as members of the Tree Advocacy Group?

Alternatives.

1. Approve the appointments.
2. Select other City residents to serve in these positions.
3. Do not appoint anyone to serve in these positions.
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 appointments of Jeanne Sheelander and Ron Verch to serve an initial two-year term as members of the Advocacy Group and to appoint Mel Johns and John Audretsch to serve an initial one-year term as members of the Tree Advocacy Group by adoption of Resolutions 2009-016 (*copy att'd*) and 2009-017 (*copy att'd*), respectively.

Attachments.

1. Resolution 2009-116.
2. Resolution 2009-117.

RESOLUTION 2009-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING MS. JEANNE SHEELANDER AND MR. RON VERCH TO SERVE AN INITIAL TWO-YEAR TERM AS MEMBERS 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, the City solicited interest from the community for appointment to said Advocacy Group; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jeanne Sheelander and Mr. Ron Verch have offered to serve as members of said Advocacy Group at the consent of the Clare City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission thanks Ms. Jeanne Sheelander and Mr. Ron Verch for their interest in serving the Clare Community and further considers them 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 Ms. Jeanne Sheelander and Mr. Ron Verch to serve an initial two-year term as voting members of the City of Clare Tree Advocacy Group, said appointments being effective the 9th day of November 2009 and terminating on the 8th day of November 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointments are voluntary and without compensation and that Ms. Sheelander and Mr. Verch may resign said appointments by providing the City Commission written notice of their intentions to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointments are at-will appointments 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 9th day of November 2009.

Diane Schmidt, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2009-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION APPOINTING MESSRS. MEL JOHNS AND JOHN AUDRETSCH TO SERVE AN INITIAL ONE-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, the City solicited interest from the community for appointment to said Advocacy Group; and

WHEREAS, Messrs. Mel Johns and John Audretsch have offered to serve as members of said Advocacy Group at the consent of the Clare City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission thanks Messrs. Mel Johns and John Audretsch for their interest in serving the Clare Community and further considers them 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 Messrs. Mel Johns and John Audretsch to serve an initial one-year term as voting members of the City of Clare Tree Advocacy Group, said appointment being effective the 9th day of November 2009 and terminating on the 8th day of November 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointments are voluntary and without compensation and that Messrs. Mel Johns and John Audretsch may resign said appointments by providing the City Commission written notice of their intentions to do so.

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