City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, April 16, 2018 Regular Meeting

Item Reports1

Mayor Meininger to read the Proclamation for Arbor Day 2018.

Staff Contact: City Council

PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS,** In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- **WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and
- **WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- **WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- **WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Meininger, Mayor of the City of Scottsbluff, do hereby proclaim **April 27, 2018** as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2018.

Mayor