

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Reports2**

**Council to recognize the City of Scottsbluff as the recipient of its  
32nd Tree City USA Award.**

**Staff Contact: Rick Deeds, Park Superintendent**

9-8-2020

## Tree City USA Council Presentation

I am proud to inform you that we received our 32 year Tree City USA Designation. This shows that council supports and is concerned about our community forestry and that is it important.

In order to get this you need to meet 4 Standards.

**1. Need a Tree Board**

Park and Cemetery is our Tree Board

**2. Need a Community Tree Ordinance**

Which we have and was established in 1988

**3. Need a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita**

In 2019 we spent \$42.50 per capita, staff spent 12,368 hours on our Tree forestry and Maintenance detail.

Some of the information I track

- **Tree Planting and Initial Care** \$2,030.18 (planted about 35 Trees)
  - **Tree Maintenance** \$14,345.56 We pruned about 100 trees
  - **Tree Removals, Debris pick up \$66,314.46** this was a lot of storm damage removed 25 trees.
  - **Management** (Training, Workshops, Pubic Education, etc. ) \$4,290.00
- 4. Need an Arbor Day Observance.**
- Which we held downtown plaza planting trees. 4-25-2019

We continue our Christmas Tree Recycling program. Last year we picked up 197 Trees.

We continue our Tree Rebate program.

I want to thank Council for the continued support thru Keno to purchase trees. Without your support we could not do these things or be successful.

Lightning went thru a tree and into the main wires of our irrigation system and took out our irrigation controller other components at the soccer complex and this was a lot of costs to get this back up and functioning.