

September 21 Cool Cities Minutes

Call to Order 6 pm.

Present: Rachel Tompkins, Michael Katich, Tom Kinsella, Cara Lytle, Stephanie Malench, Sherrill Wible

August Minutes were approved.

Guest Citizens in attendance included Rick Essner and his son Jake. Rick was interested in background on the comment made about native plants by Alan Vest at the previous city council meeting.

While discussing native plants, Cara pointed out that Ameren is spraying along the bike paths along Erma in LeClaire and along the Monarch Trail killing the pollinator plants that have made the trails their home.

It was decided a subcommittee would be formed to create a new/updated landscaping ordinance for how tall plants can be and excluding herbicide spraying.

Announcements:

- The City Council unanimously passed a \$0.025 sales tax for greenspace purchases and pensions. The tax will go into effect January 1.
- Stephanie reported that the Edwardsville Public Library said we could put trifold brochures on the display rack by the pay phone. The committee asked Stephanie to follow up and see if we could have a full display twice a year with handouts and books pulled from the collection on native plants, mosquitos, composting, and recycling.
- New roles: Rhonda Breslin is the new Municipal Manager with Waste Management and Jon Browne is the Recycling Sales Municipal Manager. Lisa Rogers is the new Madison County Green Schools Coordinator.

Parking Ordinance- a draft was nearing completion for staff review only the current minimums will be maximums. Landscaping added as a component of the parking ordinance and a separate landscaping ordinance would be written for residential properties and would include native plants and xeriscaping.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Tompkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.