

City Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023 1:30 PM 3427 North Magnolia Street

Members Attending: Joyce Brewer, Betsy Davies, Bubba Earnhart, Gayle Fisher, Stephen Hart Sr., and Susan Langley.

Staff: Shirley Abel

No Guests

Meeting came to order at 1:30 pm. A quorum was present. Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

The Commission discussed an application from the Argenta Downtown Council requesting \$11,344.80. The request is for the purchase of tulips, cover plants and other material for flower beds and planters along Main Street, Broadway and Maple Streets. There was discussion regarding the discrepancy of the value of the volunteer hours. Current City Beautiful application is \$21.36, the amount listed on the grant request was \$25.66. Additional discussion was made regarding purchasing annuals this time of the year for next spring. The Commission voted to hold this application until the September meeting. Staff was asked to contact the applicant and request they have someone at the next meeting to answer questions.

Discussion was made regarding increasing the volunteer hour credit from the current \$21.36 to \$29.95, which is what the AR Department of Volunteerism is using. After discussion a motion was made and passed to keep the dollar number at \$21.36.

Staff provided an update regarding the services of Blue Lizard Landscaping trimming the crepe myrtles and shrubs in the North Broadway/7th Street curve. Blue Lizard has been contacted and staff is waiting for them to schedule time for an estimate.

Staff also provided the Commission a list of what City Beautiful has and has not funded in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Current Available Balance \$15,500