

Discussion and Possible Action on Current Noxious Weed Ordinance and Possible Revision to Section 8-1-5

City Forester Westphal explained the issues throughout the year that he has experienced with this ordinance. He stated that he can revise the ordinance and the noxious weed list and bring it back to the Board. He also explained that it is difficult to enforce people in violation and companies do not want to come out to do work on the property of hostile citizens. There was discussion on possible solutions and about which weeds should be included on the noxious weed list. Director Friess stated that City Forester Westphal will go over the noxious weed list, revise the ordinance, and bring it back to the next meeting.

No motion was needed.

REPORTS

Director Friess reported on the heater in Centennial Park bathrooms, laser grading of Behling field, new recreation registration software, new pool heater, South Washington downtown lights, and set the next Park, Recreation & Forestry board meeting for February 11, 2026.

Superintendent Anderson reported on RecDesk, adult enrichment classes, Family Scavenger Hunt, youth basketball, hiring for referees and score keepers for basketball, solar recreation programs, toddler playtime, mighty mites soccer, t-ball registration, cookie classes, babysitting classes, poms, indoor walking, adult cooking classes, no school days, pool renewals, women's volleyball league, and flag football.

City Forester Westphal reported on watering trees, crown raising and service request pruning, fall tree planting, the work being done for the prairie restoration, and tree removals.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by James Schara, seconded by Council Member Mark Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Becky Hughes excused.

Chandler Steffen
Recreation Coordinator