

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IOWA
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7
For Meeting of 10/05/09


ITEM TITLE: Consideration of a resolution authoring the City of submit a Trees Please Grant to Mid American Energy and committing any needed matching funds.

CONTACT PERSON: Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to submit the grant application to MidAmerican Energy Company for the 2009 Trees Please! Tree Planting Program. The grant money can be used to purchase trees to be planted in common areas such as parks, trails, and city-owned rights of way. The City plans to use the money to purchase and have planted trees around the Community Center area of the park and along the trails. A provision in the grant is that cities must match funds awarded in the grant.

The attached resolution commits the City to a \$2,000 match and asks for a \$2,000 grant from MidAmerican "Trees Please" program.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution _____ Ordinance ____ Contract _____ Other (Specify) _____
Funding Source _____ Colby Park Fund and/or Parks Department
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL _____ <div style="text-align: center;"> City Administrator</div>

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Pass the resolution authorizing the appropriate actions to submit the grant application.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-1005/

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WINDSOR TO SUBMIT A "TREES PLEASE" GRANT TO MID AMERICAN ENERGY AND COMMITTING ANY NEEDED MATCHING FUNDS.

WHEREAS, MidAmerican Energy is an outstanding corporate citizen that gives back to communities through its Trees Please! Program; and

WHEREAS, MidAmerican's Trees Please! Program offers communities the opportunity to receive funding to improve their communities through tree plantings; and

WHEREAS, Tree plantings made possible by the Trees Please! Program promotes energy efficiency by providing windbreaks and shade while beautifying parks, roadways and other common areas within communities both large and small; and

WHEREAS, The City wishes to plant new trees along the trails and around the Community Center area in Colby Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Windsor Heights will commit up to \$2,000 towards the match to purchase trees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Windsor Heights will request \$2,000 from the MidAmerican Energy Trees Please program to plant trees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS that:

1. The City Council supports and approves the Trees Please Grant application; and
2. The City Council hereby commits to the matching monies as required by the grant.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2009.

Jerry Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marketa George Oliver, City Administrator/Clerk