TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Jason Ludwigson, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: October 18th, 2023
RE: ReLeaf Community Forestry Grant Award

The city was awarded a ReLeaf Community Forestry Grant by the Minnesota DNR. The grant funds the purchase of 325 bare root trees over the next three years. The grant funds will also cover mulch, tree water bags, and tree trunk protectors for each of the new trees. The tree species include hackberry, honey locust, ironwood, white oak, swamp white oak, linden and hybrid elm. The trees will be planted in city parks, the golf course, and other locations in the city to diversify the tree canopy. The grant is for approximately $38,484. No funds from the city are required, but the city will lead the planting of the trees over the next 3 years. Leading the tree plantings will be considered in-kind for the grant.