

## **MINUTES OF CITY OF GRIFFIN TREE BOARD**

**Monday, April 2, 2007**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Public Works Director Conference Room**

**100 South Hill St.**

Those present were: Chairman John Hemphill, Anne Larsen, Hannah Day, Doug Hollberg, Margie King, Tom Ridgeway, Kreg Jenkins, Milton McCarthney, Wade Hutcheson and Jerry Walker.

Those absent were: John Miller, Jim Martin, Michelle Cannon, Diane Boles and James Willis.

Chairman Hemphill called the meeting to order.

### **Old Business:**

1. Motion for approval of the Minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was made with minor changes and approved.
2. Hollberg commented that a dogwood and small cedar tree at 1103 Maple Drive needed to be removed.
3. Hemphill stated that Bill Dunn requested that he look at the pine trees at 13<sup>th</sup> and Broad in the right of way (R/W) in front of his residence. Walker said the trees have been looked at annually and that Hemphill was free to give a second opinion.
4. Letter drafted by the Ordinance Committee about the City using ANSI A300 Part 1 Pruning Standards in City tree contracts was discussed.
5. Ridgeway stated ANSI procedures are what they use now on trees near utility lines. Ridgeway said utility pruning companies are members of associations which accept standard blanket contracts done by all 49 cities of MEAG, and to have additional specific requirements like ANSI A300 would up the price. In order to implement ANSI specs, all cities involved would have to agree to the same requirements, Ridgeway said. Ridgeway stated MEAG contracts with Trees Unlimited to prune trees along utility lines. Day suggested that the Tree Board write letters to other MEAG cities to see if they feel the same as we do about utility pruning.
6. Walker and Hemphill agreed on redirection pruning procedures as opposed to procedures put forth in Shigo's pocket manual.
7. Hemphill commented that utility crews should include an ISA Certified Arborist or ISA Certified Utility Specialist.
8. Jenkins was asked to look at a dead tree limb on Maple Dr. on a tree just below Crescent Rd.

### **New Business:**

1. Jenkins said a letter is being sent to resident at 610 Terrace St. regarding unlawful removal of a City tree.

2. Jenkins added that nine large trees were picked up (free of charge) from Jack's Creek Nursery and planted at City Park (8 Willow Oaks and 1 Nuttall Oak – all +/- 4" caliper).
3. Hemphill said letter should be sent to First Baptist Church regarding "crape murder" of Crape Myrtles on R/W between S. Hill St. and S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Hollberg brought up that the Crepe Myrtles at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist were "murdered". It was suggested that we put dog tags on the trees, but our tree ordinance allows nothing to be attached to a City tree. It was suggested a letter be sent to 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist grounds committee.
4. Hollberg remarked the City Building Department is in process for applying for another phase of streetscape to beautify downtown.
5. Hollberg said Greg Huber (Griffin Tech) had planned a semester for some of his students to design landscape of R/W between Hwy. 16 and Ellis Rd. on N. Expressway this past winter. Did not occur but not sure if plans were dropped altogether. Hemphill will ask Willis to contact him.
6. Day asked if new trees on Maple Dr. were being watered. Jenkins said they had just recently been watered and trunk guards were placed on trunks.
7. Five Year Plan tabled until next meeting. Committee members include Willis, Hemphill, Hutcheson, McCarthney.
8. GUFUC seminar on arboriculture and the law was brought up and everyone was asked if there was anyone who wanted to attend. Jenkins and Walker said they would go.
9. McCarthney said a city wide tree survey will be done in 2008-2009 budget year.

There being no further discussion or comment, the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Kreg Jenkins, Acting Secretary

ATTEST:

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John Hemphill, Chairman