

Minutes of City of Griffin Tree Board
August 3, 2009

Members present: D. Hollberg, J. Miller, C. Edelstein, J. Arrington, J. Willis, M. King, T. Ridgeway, H. Day.

Members were reminded about the Georgia Urban Forestry Commission's meeting scheduled for Aug. 19th at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Atlanta. The program will be "The Good, Bad and Ugly of Tree Ordinances".

Edelstein announced that Griffin's application for an educational grant from the GUFCA had been denied. He said he can still do at least one educational brochure this year out of the Stormwater Management budget. It was also suggested that an article be prepared giving information on the proper way to prune trees not on the right of way. The message would state that the city owns 20 thousand trees. Don't cut them down and risk a fine. The information would be distributed through the Griffin Daily News, the city web page and as an enclosure in city utility bills.

During the June storm, the city lost several old trees along Maple Drive. Newly planted trees in the area fared well.

Action was requested on the following trees:


- Griffin cemetery - one removal and one needs pruning
- 223 W. College - tree needs pruning
- W. Poplar at 8th Street - tree needs removal

Motion was made and seconded to follow recommendations. King said there is also a dead tree at the intersection of Springer and Tupelo Streets and a dead pine tree on Hill Streets close to Bunn's Laundry.

Ridgeway said he will check the budget to see if there are any funds left to plant more trees this November.

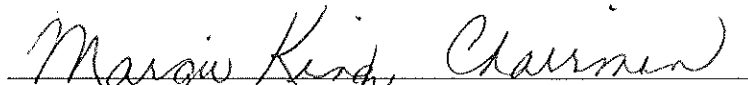
Because September 7th is Labor Day, the next meeting was moved to September 14th. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Hannah Day



Hannah Day, Secretary

ATTEST:



Margie King, Chairman