

**Minutes
City of Griffin Tree Board
Monday, November 6, 2006
5:30 p.m.**

Board Room, City Hall, 231 E. Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30224

The November meeting of the Griffin Tree Board came to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2006. Those in attendance were Jerry Walker, Doug Hollberg, Brant Keller, Wade Hutchison, Kreg Jenkins, Milton McCarthney, Michelle Cannon and Hannah Day. Vice Chairman Jerry Walker presided.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved. Under old business, it was noted that the committee to investigate ways and means for the City of Griffin to have its own on-staff arborist and pruning crew still needs to be set up. This committee's plan will be presented to the city budget committee. This was tabled until the December meeting.

The public meeting held October 2, 2006 to present the Maple Drive replanting plan was discussed. Although only three citizens showed up, Skipper Burns, Bill Murray and Barkley McDaniel, it was noted that all Maple Drive residents had been notified prior to the meeting.

Trees for Maple Drive will be tagged at the nursery and ordered in time for a January planting. Diane Boles will place the order and the city crews will pick them up. Walker encouraged board members to help pick out the trees for the project.

Keller suggested that during the next three months, the board should target three areas:

- Devise a budget plan for pruning crew and arborist
- Buy more trees for Maple Drive
- Pick next target area, possibly Taylor Street from 8th to 5th Streets.

Hollberg said he would head the budget sub-committee. Walker suggested that the committee also look at funding fertilizer and lime for the newly planted trees.

Under new business, Walker discussed Plant The Future's newest project, a tree planting at Midway Recovery on 10th Street, and trees for West Solomon Street. Planting date is Saturday, Jan. 6th with a rain date of Jan. 13th. Georgia Arbor Day will be Feb. 16th, while National Arbor Day is April 27th. It was suggested that the City of Griffin submit the Maple Drive Replanting Plan for an Urban Forest award.

The owner of Jerry's Shell Station on E. Taylor Street filed a complaint about a Bradford Pear tree in front of the station, asking that it be removed. It was decided that the owner would be informed that if she removes the tree, she must pay for an appropriate replacement. The City will pay for all tree grate costs. The same policy will apply to the Petro Station on the other side of Taylor, where a tree was removed. Hollberg said he would deliver the letters to both parties.

Jenkins presented the Tree List. A decision about the trees at 1104 Dewey Street will be tabled until the December meeting. The remainder of the list was approved as recommended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by Hannah Day
Griffin Tree Board Secretary