

Minutes
City of Griffin Tree Board
Monday, December 4, 2006
5:30 p.m.
City Hall, 231 E. Solomon Street, Griffin, GA 30224

The December meeting of the Griffin Tree Board came to order at 5:35 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2006. Those in attendance were John Hemphill, Jerry Walker, John Miller, Milton McCarthney, Kreg Jenkins, Doug Hollberg, Diane Boles, Michelle Cannon and Hannah Day.

November minutes were approved with the addition of John Miller listed in attendance at that meeting.

Doug Hollberg reported that he had met in length with Brant Keller and Milton McCarthney of the City of Griffin Stormwater Department and they had reached the conclusion that it is unlikely there will be enough money in the upcoming budget to support a tree pruning crew and on-site arborist. A compromise would be to develop guidelines that would be part of the pruning bid, holding the contractor responsible for meeting the guidelines within the City of Griffin. The contract could follow the standards listed in Tree Line USA and ANSI 300. However, McCarthney said the city had just renewed a pruning contract with Bobby Dunn's Tree Service and these standards are not in the contract. Walker suggested the contract be re-bid based on the new standards. Guidelines could be sent to the utility companies, as well.

A discussion surrounded Griffin becoming a Tree Line USA city. Hollberg said he would have a rough draft of standards and policies to present at the January Board meeting. Tree Board members could go to the City Commission to present the project.

When asked about standards for development within the city limits, including tree removal and replacement, Hollberg said the ordinance has been stalled. It was suggested that the Tree Board take this on as a project. However, a full time arborist would be needed to supervise developers and tree removal permits. When asked if this could be justified, Hemphill said an arborist's position could fund itself, if done right.

Plantings on Maple Drive will be done January 10, 2007, weather permitting. A group including Boles, Hemphill, Jenkins and Walker will go to Chappel Mill Tree Farm to pick out the trees on Dec. 9th. McCarthney said he needs three bids from three different companies to include in the file. Boles said she would get this to him.

Hollberg reported that City Manager Kenny Smith would like a modified street scape plan for Taylor Street. This will be another project for 2007.

Jenkins and Walker attended the Georgia Urban Forest Conference in November. They received discs on Georgia's Tree Ordinances, which they presented to the group. Both the

city and Plant the Future received awards at the conference. Milton will get pictures to the Griffin Daily News.

Jenkins presented the Tree Action List, which contained only one entry. Removal was approved.

Because the next meeting falls on New Years Day, the January Tree Board meeting will be held on **Monday, January 8, 2007**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by Hannah Day, Tree Board Secretary.