

**Mobile Tree Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
September 15, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, Tommy McGehee, Chairman, presiding.

Tree Commission members present: Tommy McGehee, Marsyl Dees, Dr. Maurice Holt, Cleve Formwalt, Van Laird.

City of Mobile: David Daughenbaugh, Theresa Jernigan, James Bolin.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2003 were approved as written.

**TREASURY REPORT**

As reported by Burton Clark, Treasurer, the balance is the same as last month, \$8,368.60. A check in the amount of \$10,000.00 was presented to the Tree Commission for trees to be planted in the Virginia Street area as part of the widening project.

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

**P-2003-17 419 Hounds Run** Mr. Steve Burks presented his application to remove a Live Oak stating that the tree roots have caused problems with water and sewer pipes and the sidewalk. David Daughenbaugh has been in contact with MAWSS, but has not received any information concerning this location. Mr. Burks stated that MAWSS has replaced the sewer lateral on city right of way. After further discussion a motion was made to deny the application. Motion carried.

**P-2003-18 6009 Sprucewood Drive** Mimi Powell and Ralph Powell presented their application to remove four Crape Myrtle Trees stating that the trees are unsightly, the blooms are not all the same color, and the limbs interfere with pedestrian traffic, and do not cascade. David Daughenbaugh advised applicant that if the limbs were trimmed properly they would grow up and cascade as desired. A motion was made to deny removal of the trees unless the following conditions were met:

1. Trees are to be replaced with Crape Myrtles 1/1;
2. Replacement is to be done within three months;
3. Two trees may be planted if they are 10-12 gallon size;
4. Right of Way permit is required;
5. All work is done at applicant's expense;

Motion carried. Mr. Powell expressed a desire to appeal the decision. David Daughenbaugh explained the appeal procedure to Mr. Powell.

**P-2003-19 1307 Springhill Avenue** Cleve Formwalt recused himself from discussion of this application. Jack R. Taylor presented his application to trim two Live Oak Trees. Staff feels that the applicant wants to trim for sign visibility. A motion was made to deny the application. Motion carried.

**C-2003-12 3258 Stein Street** Staff presented application for the citizen to remove two Water Oak Trees, one Popcorn Tree, and one Camphor Tree. The trees are under power lines and are a poor species for this location. The trees will never be able to develop to maturity. The application was approved with the following conditions:

1. All work done at owner's expense;
2. Replacement of 1/1 with an acceptable species for this location (i.e. Live Oak or Crape Myrtle);
3. Location and species to be coordinated with Urban Forestry;
4. Right of Way permit required prior to planting.

**C-2003-13 560 Bishop Lane** Staff presented this application to remove this Water Oak which is in decline. Motion made to approve, motion carried.

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING – No report.**

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**ALABAMA POWER – No report.**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS – Don Watson, St. Stephens Road Improvement Association, presented his request for trees along St. Stephens Road. Discussion followed concerning road improvements, types of trees requested, care of trees, and other pertinent information about the St. Stephens Road Improvement Association's project. A motion was made to commit to a \$1,800.00 donation to the project. Motion carried.**

**Mobile Tree Commission Awards – The Mobile Tree Commission awards for outstanding landscaping on commercial sites will be presented by Mayor Dow at the October 7, 2003 City Council Meeting.**

**Tree City Award - This award will be presented at the October 7, 2003 City Council Meeting.**

**Web notification - David Daughenbaugh reported on staff's progress in putting Mobile Tree Commission information on the City's web page. The project should be completed this month and members will be notified.**

**Committee Named – Laura Clarke, Dr. Rip Pfeiffer and Burton Clark were named as the Nominating Committee for electing a Chairman.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2003.**

**ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Theresa Jernigan  
Recording Secretary**