

Tree Commission Sep 2026 (Minutes)

Members Present –

Louise McClelland

Quin Hillyer

William Rooks

Andrew Blejwas

Urban Forestry – Donovan Ballard

Alabama Power – Eric Garrett

Andrew motions to adopt agenda. Louise seconds. Motion passes

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes were submitted to post on website for both July and August meeting. Both minutes were reviewed. Louise motioned to accept July minutes. Quin seconded. Motion passes.

Quin motioned to accept August minutes. William seconded. Motion passes.

Andrew provided treasury report remained unchanged from August at \$29,332.86. No outstanding payments or and no obligations for current projects. Quin motioned to accept treasury report. Louise seconded. Motion passed.

The first permit was MTC-178208-2026 at 19 S Reed Street. A representative for the homeowner was present and discussed reason requested to remove magnolia tree. There were also Bradford pear trees on the property. These were not part of the request but was discussed that these are labeled as nuisance trees and can be removed without requiring Mobile Tree Commission permit and approval. Motion was made by Quin to approve removal of magnolia tree. Louise seconded. After further discussion motion passed.

The second permit was MTC-178057-2026 at 3244. Dauphin Street for a request to prune right of way trees. This was to clean up trees near remodeling at the Dauphin street Chick-Fil-A with intention of keeping trees in good condition after pruning. Andrew made motion to approve certified arborist to prune trees. William seconded. Motion was amended to include consultation with Urban Forestry prior to pruning. Motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor meeting on Michigan Avenue - Additional communication was provided between Mayor's staff, city council member Josh Woods, and Tree Commission. Item was added to October agenda for city representatives to provide final review of Michigan Avenue tree removal.

Tree Commission Quin provided on record that he still is requesting the Mayor to provide a statement about the Michigan Avenue tree removal and the statement should adequately address and apologize for the tree removals.

Possible meeting time change – Urban Forestry was requested to find out hours of conference room availability so the commission can vote on a proposed meeting time change at the October meeting

New Business

Update on possible projects for upcoming tree planting window end of the year

Downtown Alliance is looking at possible projects for the next year and updates will be provided as projects develop

Gina Gregory has possible project for tree planting at Langdon Park

Southeast Chamber of Commerce is looking at projects

Announcements

Alabama power Work Summary – No major updates, but will be moving into city in coming month to do work

Urban Forestry – Working Avenue of the Oaks which has been neglected for years. Looking at options to set no parking areas to help protect trees

Tree Commission member Josh Mims has provided resignation to focus on other endeavors. We greatly appreciate his time, passion and support and hope to work on future projects with him.

Adjourn

Louise motioned, Quin seconded. Motion passed.