The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, Dr. Maurice Holt presiding.

Tree Commission members present:  Dr. Maurice Holt, Burton Clark, Marsyl Dees, Cleve Formwalt, Laura Clarke.

Ex-officio member:  Ron Jackson

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

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2004 were approved as written.

TREASURY REPORT

As reported by Burton Clark, Treasurer, the balance is $22,068.60.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

P-2004-08  801 Virginia Street – Trim Live Oak Tree          Chris Lunsford of Watermark Designs, Inc. represented this application to remove the limb for proposed improvements to the church. Discussion followed concerning alternatives to the site plan, which prevent the necessity of removing the limb. A motion was made to hold over this application until next month’s meeting so that applicant would have time to submit a more definitive site plan. Motion carried. David Daughenbaugh is to schedule a meeting with a representative of the Church, the Fire Department, Traffic Engineering, and Urban Forestry so that a drawing may be finalized.

P-2004-09  Homer Street                                          Urban Forestry Staff represented this application to remove three Dogwood Trees, one each at 15, 17 and 21 Homer Street for installation of storm drain pipe for the proposed shopping center (Ashland Village) at the corner of Homer and Old Shell Road. Discussion followed. The resident of 21 Homer Street expressed concern for the health of a Live Oak Tree in his yard, which is close to the sidewalk. Ron Jackson explained that the tree would be protected during construction. A motion was made to approve the application with the following conditions:  1. Dogwood Trees and dug and replaced in the original locations;  2. each tree is to have a five-year warranty.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING – No report.

ENGINEERING – No report.

ALABAMA POWER – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – Staff reported that the books for Mobile Tree Commission Certified Arborist training are not ready.

NEW BUSINESS – Laura Clarke asked that the Mobile Tree Commission give a donation of $2,000 to PARK (Public Access and Recreation for Kids) project to purchase trees. Motion was made to approve the donation, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Jernigan
Recording Secretary