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

Tree Commission members present were: Tom McGehee, Chairman, Burton Clark, Treasurer, Laura Clarke, Cleve Formwalt.

Ex-officio member: Ron Jackson.

City of Mobile: David Daughenbaugh, Theresa Jernigan, David Roberts.

MINUTES - Minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2004 were approved as written.

TREASURY REPORT - As reported by Burton Clark, the balance is $21,702.90.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

P-2004-14 2757 Dauphin Island Parkway Withdrawn

P-2004-15 60 Wimbledon Drive Staff presented application to trim the roots of the Live Oak Tree so that a French drain system could be installed. Other alternatives for draining the property were discussed. A motion was made to deny the application, but staff is to work with the applicant to find a solution that complies with the guidelines of the Mobile Tree Commission for work within the critical root zone of the tree. Motion carried.

P-2004-16 2200 Freemont Drive Staff presented application to remove a Poplar Tree and 2 Bradford Pear Trees. During Hurricane Ivan the Poplar Tree was destroyed, so only the removal of the Bradford Pear Trees is to be considered. Discussion followed and a motion was made to approve the application as per staff recommendation that the trees are removed at applicant’s expense. Motion carried.

P-2004-17 McCay Avenue and McMurray Street Staff presented application to remove various trees for road construction. Discussion followed. A motion was made to approve the application. Motion carried.

P-2004-18 22 Towncrier Court Staff presented this application to remove a Bradford Pear Tree. Discussion followed concerning health of the tree. Motion made to deny application, motion carried.

P-2004-19 3206 Dauphin Island Parkway Staff presented application to remove Wax Myrtles and suggested that application is approved since there is a line of sight problem with the condition that they are replaced with Crape Myrtle Trees. Motion to approve the application was made and carried with the following conditions:
1. Three Crape Myrtle Trees planted to replace the Wax Myrtles;
2. All work is done at applicant’s expense;
3. All work is coordinated with Urban Development Department, Urban Forestry Section, and Right of Way Division.

Staff presented application to remove Poplar Tree. Discussion followed. Motion made to deny this application. Motion carried.

A motion was made to consider and approve the next four city applications as a group. Motion carried.

C-2004-18 2018 Pleasant Avenue – Remove Water Oak Tree
C-2004-19 2052 Stockton Drive – Remove Water Oak Tree
C-2004-20 2054 Stockton Drive – Remove Water Oak Tree
C-2004-21 2056 Stockton Drive – Remove Water Oak Tree

URBAN FORESTRY - 1. At the next meeting a report will be given on damage to trees.
2. St. Stephens Road Project – Due to drought, 7 trees have died.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING – No report.

ENGINEERING – No report.

ALABMA POWER – No report.

OLD BUSINESS - 1. Staff reported that a map is being created so that the landscape design can be done for Virginia Street which will include planting three 5” Live Oak Trees and 45 Crape Myrtle Trees.
2. Discussion concerning the letter to Engineering Department requesting the money from the Old Shell Road Project for replacement trees.
3. Old Shell Road at McGregor – A meeting will be scheduled to meet with garden club members to discuss removing the Bradford Pear Trees.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Jernigan
Recording Secretary