

Meeting Minutes  
Tree Committee  
September 15, 2020

In attendance:

Dennis Winterringer, Chairman Tree Committee  
Bob Seaborn, Member Tree Committee  
Anita Grove, City Commissioner

The committee adopted without revision the August 18, 2020, meeting minutes.

Commissioner Grove and Mr. Winterringer spoke with Mr. Bebeau, City Finance Director, to discuss creating a line item account for the Reforestation Fund to ensure Reforestation Fund monies are not mixed with general fund monies. Commissioner Grove and Mr. Winterringer requested a review of tree removal permits issued from May 16, 2019, to present to determine how much money should be in the Reforestation Fund. The chairman's audit of permits indicates the fund should be \$1,125 plus reforestation fees paid from October 2019 to present.

The Tree City USA recertification application must be submitted by December 31, 2020. Mr. Winterringer will prepare the application, but before doing so he needs from the City Clerk how much money the City spent on trees. Commissioner Grove will try to find a speaker for the January 2021 Arbor Day celebration, if the event is not canceled due to Covid-19. Mr. Winterringer will contact the Florida Forest Service to request trees.

A policeman will operate as code enforcement officer several days a week. The chairman will attend an online seminar of how other cities or government entities are reacting to the new State law regarding dangerous trees. He previously prepared a summary of allowed tree clearing and trimming activities during an emergency such as a hurricane. The City Commission could incorporate this information in an emergency declaration for an approaching storm.

Submitted by: Robert Seaborn