Tree Committee Meeting
October 12, 2023
3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers
161 N Section Street

Members present: Paul Fontenot, Chairman, Audra Warren, Carol Sullivan, Knox McMurphy, Skip Jones, Craig Tappan, Jamie Rollins. Corey Martin, Joanne Hogan and May Moss Parker were absent.

Paul Fontenot called the meeting to order. The Minutes of the meeting for August 10, 2023, were considered and approved with a motion by Skip Jones, second by Knox McMurphy, and unanimously passed.

New member, Audra Warren introduced herself to the committee.

Jamie Rollins provided information to the committee members regarding a 32in Water Oak tree in the alley at 307B Gayfer Avenue, the resident that lives at this location is concerned that the tree (in the ROW) needs to be removed, the resident feels this is a safety issue. The resident believes it is difficult to access the entry, due to the tree. Jamie spoke to the Chief of the Fire Department regarding the tree and if he felt that accessing the address was a concern, he stated that they can get by the tree. The resident is also concerned with the fence near the tree. There was general discussion among the tree committee members and the resident.

Paul stated that there was discussion of the tree trail on the campus of Alabama Coastal Community College. Audra stated that she is working with the students to locate and add markers to current and new trees on the campus, this project is not complete.

There was general discussion about the tree trails throughout the City among the committee members. Paul Fontenot suggested a tree trail throughout the Triangle Park once work begins in the park. He also suggested planning a field trip to each tree trail and walking it as a group to see if updates are needed. Paul also inquired about the Eagle Scout project that is currently being done in North Beach Park.

There was general discussion among the members regarding the tree ordinance and the City and County right-of-way.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.