

City of Apalachicola Tree Committee
Meeting Agenda
August 28th, 2024, at 5:15 PM
Old Library

1. Expected Attendees.

Sam Berkheiser, Tree Committee (TC) member,
Scott Davis, TC chair and Agenda Drafter
Anita Grove, City Commissioner and TC liaison to the five-member Commission, and
Dennis Winterringer, Tree Committee Member
Pamela Erwin, Special Projects Coordinator

Action and Discussion Items:

1. Draft summary of last meeting - approve with or without revisions.
2. Hiring of new Code Enforcement Officer – Scott Boyd
3. Status of tree removal and trimming at Chestnut Street Cemetery (Winterringer); result of meeting with City Manager Travis Wade to talk about saving and stabilizing the large Chapman oak (Davis).
4. Attendance by Tree Committee members at the City's workshops when the budget for fiscal year 2024/2025, which runs October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, will be discussed and commented on. The first workshop is Tuesday, August 20 (the day before the Tree Committee meeting) and Tuesday, August 27.
 - Confirming the amount the City has collected for the Reforestation Fund through the end of the current fiscal year and asking the City Commission to carry that amount forward into the next fiscal year. If the City is successful in receiving the Florida Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program \$10,000 capacity grant that it applied for, the City's match of \$10,000 will come from the Fund during fiscal year 2024/2025.
 - Regarding removal of palms infected with lethal bronzing disease on City property, asking the City to consider issuing a contract to a tree-cutting company who would be available to quickly remove infected trees (possibly at a fixed per tree rate and possibly within a specified time period (e.g., 2 weeks)). Heretofore Greg Harris, Supervisor of Public Works, has removed trees when his workload allowed and when a professional was not needed. At other times, a contractor has been hired, which may have necessitated the solicitation of bids from three companies and probably slowed down the tree removals.

5. Contact with Emily Martin, FFS county forester, to request free trees for Apalachicola's January 2025 Arbor Day event so that this expense can be included in FFS's budget for fiscal year 2024/2025, which also starts October 1, 2024. FFS's preparation of the budget will start soon.
6. Review of drafted/amended COA Tree Ordinance
8. Anything Else

Next Meeting: 17:15; Wednesday, August 21 @ Old Library.