

**Shade Tree Commission
Minutes
July 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Athens City Council Chambers**

Meeting Attendees: Nancy Walker, Emilie Wood, Lee Gregg, Jim Dyer, and Ron Lucas

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
 - a. None
2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
 - a. None
3. Ron Lucas report
 - a. Maintenance of the Tree Canopy
 - i. Dead wood pruning to do on Tulane and Woodward alongside Tulane Creek. There are some trees that need dead wood pruning on Blick.
 - ii. Nancy suggested that the Commissioners be trained in the basics of training. Ron agreed that they could do to pruning and crown lifting of small trees.
 - b. Ron requested that the Commissioners help him in establishing a policy for planting memorial trees. Ron will send the Commissioners copies of policies from elsewhere and a list of trees that the City has planted.
4. Athens in Bloom
 - a. Judges will tour on July 25 and 26
 - i. Include a meeting between the Commission and the Judges.
 - b. Local contest will be judged by Ron and several others on July 12.
 - c. Local businesses have been helpful and supportive, in particular Les Cornwall and John Wharton. Mr. Cornwall's staff have helped with watering the hanging baskets, something which City staff have not been able to do.
 - d. Ron asked residents to spruce up their gardens in preparation for the visit of the judges.
 - e. Ron has arranged for City landscape staff for help with mulching trees on Court street and nearby streets on Tuesday July 16 and Wednesday July 17. Volunteers are asked to help with weeding and mulching tree pits.
5. Minutes of the June 13, 2019
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from Lee Gregg, seconded by Emilie Wood. The minutes were approved without objection
6. Next meeting is August 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber