

Minutes
Tree Commission Meeting
Monday, November 25, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.

The special meeting of the Mullins Tree Commission was held Monday, November 25, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the Miles Community Center. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Members of the Tree Commission, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Council Members: Jo Sanders and Linda Schiavo, City Administrator David Hudspeth, Street Supervisor Tarus Gilchrist, Commission Members: Betty Hopkins, Joy Richardson, Jean Tower, Bartlene McMillan and Helen George.

1. Call Meeting to Order & Welcome: Council Member Sanders called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Council Member Sanders stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the Tree Commission meeting for November.

3. Re: Arbor Day Celebration: Council Member Sanders noted there has to be three meetings in order to keep Tree City USA. The second meeting will be December 6th at 10:00 A.M. in Smith Haven Park, this will be the Arbor Day Celebration. The third meeting will be December 10th at 5:00 P.M. City Administrator Hudspeth asked what type of activities have been done in prior years for Arbor Day. Helen George stated things such as: programs in the schools, students planting trees, and essay/poster contests. Mrs. George stated it was a little late in the year to plan any activities, but they could be planned for next year. Mrs. George noted Mayor McMillan had mentioned planting a tree in honor of someone this year. Ms. Tower recommended planting trees in the Dogwood Park area. Hudspeth stated it may not be a good idea to plant in that area at this time due to the Recreation

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Gilchrist stated Forestry has some saplings available at no cost to the City that could be given to the schools. Gilchrist stated there were a total of five trees that need to be replaced at Smith Haven Park. Council Member Schiavo asked how much the bigger trees would cost. Hudspeth stated the cost would be around \$150.00. Council Member Sanders stated The Arbor Day Celebration will be on December 6th at 10:00 A.M. at Smith Haven Park. Mrs. George suggested the City call North Mullins and McCormick schools and let them know the City is celebrating Arbor Day on December 6th and we have trees that were given by the S.C. Forestry they may want to plant. Mrs. Joy Richardson asked that someone contact the News/Media about the Arbor Day Celebration noting in the past the City of Mullins hasn't received much news coverage. Gilchrist agreed to contact the schools.

Council Member Sanders stated Bobby Sellers was interested in joining the Green Thumb Garden Club.

4. Adjournment: Council Member Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 A.M.

Council Member, Jo Sanders
Tree Commission

ATTEST:

Felicia S. Turner

Felicia S. Turner, Interim Clerk