DARLINGTON CITY TREE BOARD
Minutes from Monday, May 17, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
City Administration, 400 Pearl St.

Attending were Tree Board members Mr. James, Ms. Fallaw, and Mrs. Brasington; and Ms. Rock, planning director.

Ms. Rock called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. She announced that Ms. Brown had resigned from the Board since her stroke and asked for names of anyone who might be interested in serving.

Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2020, meeting: Mrs. Brasington made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Fallaw made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

2020 Tree Report: Ms. Rock provided the Board with the annual report that she uses to complete the City's Tree City USA application.

Training Opportunity: Ms. Rock said the Trees SC workshop ended up being a virtual meeting on April 23 due to COVID restrictions. She will try to get the organization to do another session in person when the pandemic ends.

Palmetto Pride Tree Grant Award & Progress: Ms. Rock said the annual grant application period opens August 1 and is due Sept. 15. Palmetto Pride gives the trees, but the City would be responsible for picking them up, planting them, and any mulch, soil, etc. needed. The Board suggested getting the permission to add some of the trees in the South Main Street Tree Plan, a few more dogwoods on Cashua Street to replace some that have died, and possibly look at the mobile home park on Orange Street.

Arbor Day Project Ideas: The Board discussed planting a tree in front of the library on North Main Street to add some shade, specifically a Gingko or Japanese maple for variety. Ms. Rock said that would be a good location given the number of trees removed to make way for the North Main Street bridge replacement. Other ideas included elm trees to get away from planting so many crepe myrtles.

The Board decided to reschedule the next meeting to Monday, Aug. 16, instead of Sept. 27, to allow the Board to comment on the Palmetto Pride Tree Grant application. Mrs. Fallaw made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.