DARLINGTON CITY TREE BOARD
Minutes from Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 – 10 A.M.
City Administration, 400 Pearl St.

Attending were Tree Board members Mr. James, Ms. Fallaw, and Mrs. Goodsell; Mayor Curtis Boyd, and Ms. Rock, planning director.

Ms. Rock called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from the May 17, 2021, meeting: Mr. James made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Fallaw made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Arbor Day Proclamation: Mayor Boyd read the Arbor Day Proclamation and declared December 3, 2021, Arbor Day in the City of Darlington.

Palmetto Pride Tree Grant Award & Progress: Ms. Rock said the library was in favor of a tree but had not decided what kind in time for Arbor Day planting. She said the City had a landscaping company install five dogwoods on Cashua Street and 12 trees on Lucas and Orange Streets in front of the mobile home park. Palmetto Pride awarded these to the City.

Courthouse Grounds Plans: Mayor Boyd presented a plan to replace the Bradford pear trees on the courthouse grounds to dress up the Square and make the town more impressive. He suggested the City and County partner on the project with the County removing the old trees and the City purchasing the trees and planting them The Board discussed a variety of options, including two varieties of hollies, live oak, willow oak, elm, dogwood, Gingko, and others. The Board agreed on alternating Southern sugar maple trees with Nellie Stevens Holly Trees on the perimeter and willow oaks on the southern corners of the property to mirror the oaks on the northern side and anchor the corners. The Board approved removal of the Bradford pear trees and old holly trees on the southern side as long as replanting would occur. The Board liked the idea of the Southern sugar maple, as it had been previously selected and planted on other city property by the Darlington Garden Club.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.