

Smithfield City Tree Committee
Board Meeting Minutes 29 September 2020

Smithfield City Office @ 7:00 P.M.

Conducting: Jeff Barnes

1. Minutes from the February 2020 meeting were read and approved.
2. We reviewed the 2020 Arbor Day Poster Contest from both Sunrise and Birch Creek Elementary. Each school selected the top poster for each class. The first place posters were then submitted to the state competition. Envelopes with \$10 prize money and a congratulatory letter from the mayor was given to each class winner. Sunrise had two region winners and Birch Creek had three region winners. Lexa Holman from Sunrise placed First in State for 6th grade. We reviewed some of the posters.
3. We reviewed the Arbor Day Proclamation which took place in city council meeting on April 22, 2020. Four trees were planted by the city in recognition of arbor day. Four flowering crabs were planted near the restrooms at central park. Photos of the trees were observed.
4. We reviewed other tree plantings which took place in the city this summer. One at Central Park between the splash pad and skate park and one out at forrester acres.
5. Look at photos of trees which were blown over by strong winds in the city. Trees were knocked down at the cemetery and the golf course. Two dead trees in the cemetery were also cut down by the parks department. Two Norway Spruce which died from bark beetle. There are several other trees which need to be cut down as well.
6. We received status of tree city USA for the 27th year and signs were updated on the city streets.
7. Talked about getting started with the elementary schools with the arbor day poster contests for 2021.
8. Viewed photos of the new landscaping at the pickle ball courts at forrester acres. About 14 new trees were planted.
9. Talked about recruiting one new member to serve on the committee.
10. Next Meeting to be held on November 3, 2020.