

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2012

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Arcadia Lakes Town Hall.

ATTENDING were Mayor Richard Thomas; Council members: Tom Clark, Linda Jackson; Mark Robertson. Also attending were Attorney Charles Cook; Town Clerk Christine Murphy, Barbara Covington; Deputies Steven Reeves and Captain Cole Porter; Norman Whitaker, Central Midlands Council of Governments; Town residents: Truman Fallaw, Joan Jowers, Frannie and Bob Larsen, Peggy and Bill Smith, Alicia and Fred Myher, Harriet Smoak, Michelle Kelley, Steve Brown.

Mayor Thomas announced that Mayor Pro Tem Onley's father had passed away, and funeral plans and visitation were reported. A moment of silence was held in memory of Mr. Onley.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Reeves reported that there was nothing to report for Arcadia Lakes for last month. Captain Porter reported that there was a decrease in crime for the month of February for Region 2, which includes Arcadia Lakes and the Northeast area.

COG REPORT –Mr. Norman Whitaker, Executive Director of the Council of Governments for four counties, was introduced by Mayor Thomas. Mr. Whitaker gave a synopsis of the two forums presented by the COG, back in November, 2011. There were approximately 30 residents attending each Three-hour planning session, which is only a sampling of the population, Mr. Whitaker said. He delivered a report to council tonight and a summary of the ideas that the Town may want to entertain in the future. The COG plans to contact each household in the Town with a survey, that can be responded to on line, mailed back, or dropped off at the Town Hall. They will run some ideas generated by this process, past the residents, and let everyone have the opportunity to expand on the ideas that have been developed so far. The report also includes an analysis of census data, Mr. Whitaker said.

After further discussion, Mayor Thomas said that the whole report will be going out on the web site in PDF form by March 9<sup>th</sup>. The survey should be in the mail sometime in March, Mr. Whitaker said; Mayor Thomas said that everyone who turns in their survey will be included in drawings for four dinners at Zoe's. Information that is returned will be included in another public meeting for the opportunity to hear what was concluded from the surveys, and what each step would cost as far as taxes or services are concerned. The report from COG will come in April, Mayor Thomas said.

FEBRUARY 2, 2012 MINUTES: Councilman Robertson moved that the February Minutes be approved as received; Councilman Clark seconded the motion, which was approved.

FINANCIAL MONTHLY SPREADSHEET: Ms. Barbara Covington presented the February Financial Spreadsheet. Ms. Covington said the interest for Money Market Account has not been received yet. Discussion was held.

SIX MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT: Christine presented the January through June, 2011 Report from McGregor & Company, that had just been received. She said council could review it and it would be put on the April Agenda.

TOWN PICNIC: The Town Picnic is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Tree of Life, from 4:00 'til 7:00 p.m. It was agreed that Tom Clark will check with "Slap Wore Out" for the music. Lizard's Thicket will cater the meal, Christine said. Residents will be asked to bring salads and desserts.

MAYOR THOMAS ANNOUNCED THAT RESIDENTS WHO HAD SIGNED UP COULD SPEAK:

Mrs. Alicia Myrher said that there were Night Clubs getting ready to apply for liquor Licenses on Two Notch Road and Decker Boulevard. She said that Cpl. Kevin Stegall was concerned about it, and Arcadia Lakes has not been involved in their applying for liquor licenses for these establishments. One location is the old Zorba's on Decker Boulevard, which is going to be called Continental. Another strip club plans to open by the Comedy House on Decker Boulevard. Mrs. Myrher said that if we want a good nice neighborhood, we have to have the support of council and residents of Arcadia Lakes, to be vigilant about the posting of the liquor license application. She said she had not received any notice from the Town, so she could sign up ahead of time protesting the application. Unless the Town's E-mail is used for this purpose, the residents are at a disadvantage, Mrs. Myrher said.

Attorney Cook said the application would have to be sent to the residents as information only; otherwise, it could create a liability for the Town.

Mrs. Myrher also reported that there is a lot of trash buildup at the old Zorba's on Decker Boulevard that Richland County does not pickup, and comes directly into Cary Lake. The trash containers are always overflowing. Mayor Thomas said the containers are not in Arcadia Lakes, but are in Forest Acres. After discussion, He asked Christine to contact Administrator Mark Williams to ask him what they are doing about the clubs, as well as the trash pickup.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Thomas announced that council would go into Executive Session for about 15 minutes, to discuss a legal matter. He said that residents were welcome to wait.

After Executive Session, with no votes taken; residents returned to the conference room.

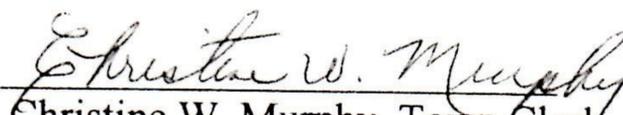
ROPER POND: Mayor Thomas reported that council had received a bill from SCEL P, and moved that Councilman Robertson reconcile the invoice per our agreement, and council pay 50% of the invoice. Councilman Clark seconded the motion, which was approved. Councilman Robertson reported that he was told today by Attorney Amy Armstrong that a date has not yet been set for the oral arguments in the Court of Appeals. She will let the petitioners know as soon as that date is set, which could be sometime in April.

Ms. Harriet Smoak asked how the Trenholm Road traffic will be handled when the Apartments are opened. Councilwoman Linda Jackson reported that she had talked with Bryan Mattox from DOT, who said that a traffic study was done before it was built. After the units are occupied, DOT will come in and study the traffic again. Ms. Jackson said that she could see a problem if there is a traffic light there, because of Dent School. Further studies will have to be done, Ms. Jackson said.

Mayor Thomas said that Mr. Erskine Suber, with traffic and planning, had done the first traffic study. That plan met all the requirements of DOT and did not require any changes to Trenholm Road in order to handle the traffic. Another traffic study was to be done after school started.

Ms. Smoak reported that they have had to do without water tree times, due to the water Lines breaking in the Sylvan Drive area, within a two week period. Also, there are a lot of holes caused from water damage. Mayor Thomas said that the water system, which is owned by the City of Columbia, is wearing out. He said that Bud Summers, who is over the City of Columbia water department, should be called. Discussion was held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Christine W. Murphy, Town Clerk