

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2012

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

ATTENDING were Mayor Richard Thomas; Mayor Pro Tem Rusty Onley; Council members Tom Clark, Linda Jackson, and Mark Robertson. Also attending were Town Attorney Charles Cook; Town Clerk Christine Murphy, Barbara Covington, CAT Deputy Margaret Fisher, and Captain Cole Porter. Town residents: Ann Eisenstein, Peggy and Bill Smith, Truman Fallaw, Alicia deMyhrer, George Geckle, Shelley Smith, Peter Chesney, Steve Brown, Bernie Gaudi, and John and Pat Wegrznowski.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Margaret Fisher reported that three burglary suspects, responsible for many burglaries in the area, had been arrested by the Forest Acres police. The "Speed Spy" sign on Arcadia Lakes Drive is not working, and a technician has been called to repair it.

Captain Porter reported that there had been a burglary on Circle Drive, and many break-ins in Woodfield Park. The main culprit, a suspect who was out on an outstanding probation warrant, has been arrested. Captain Porter said.

MINUTES – MAY 3, 2012: Mayor Thomas asked if there were any additions, Deletions, or changes to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes: Mr. Robertson moved that the Minutes be approved; Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which was approved.

WEBSITE: Mr. Clark reported that he had put together a request for proposals from residents that would almost emulate the website we have, with additional pages of information. Mrs. Jackson said that citizens input, as to what they want to see on the website, is important. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved that the Town hire a website design Company, or person to develop a website for Arcadia Lakes that is informative and attractive that will better serve the residents. The vendor will be chosen by bid process using the criteria submitted with this motion. Mr. Clark said that he would like to add that 10 to 12 vendors be picked out, and send this information to them. Christine could gather the material that comes in, and it could be reviewed, Mr. Clark said. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion, which was approved.

MONTHLY FINANCE: REPORT: Review and discussion was held on the monthly Finance report.. Mayor Thomas said that CPA Phil Betette had advised him that it would be a good idea to do a revised budget for the year. Six month garbage service had been added; If another six months service is provided, or other changes made, the budget needs to be revised, Mayor Thomas said.

GARBAGE: After discussion, Mayor Thomas moved that Ronnie Yandle be paid through the month of July; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved. The budget will be studied further for decision on paying the next six months garbage Fee. Mr. Clark reported that council had received a letter from Ronnie Yandle, requesting that his performance bond be waived, which is up for renewal in July, and is very expensive. After discussion, it was decided that without further information, no decision can be made at this time.

ROPER POND: Mrs. Jackson reported that there was an excellent panel at the Court of Appeals. Judge Lockaby is a strong environmentalist and someone who will really look at the case, and analyze it, based on previous decisions he has made, Linda said. The next step would be to go to Supreme Court, if we don't like their decision, Linda said. The Town has paid their portion of the latest bill; the petitioners still owe a little bit.

CLEAN SWEEP is July 21<sup>st</sup> to pick up items that are not picked up by our regular garbage service. Pick up items can be put out on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mayor Thomas said that CPA Phil Betette, had suggested that he and Mark Robertson will start checking and signing off on monthly bank statements

REUNION SUBDIVISION FENCING: In answer to Town Attorney Cook's letter, Don Sanders has agreed to fence in the retention pond at his property on Trenholm Road, with a temporary six-foot chain link fence.

COG REPORT: Mr, Norm Whitaker had called and said that he will have a final Report to us within the next week or ten days, Mayor Thomas said.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Mayor Thomas reported that a letter had been received from John A. Poole, PE with Dams and Reservoirs Safety; stating that the dam is now considered a high hazard structure, based on DHEC's screening techniques and guidance contained with the regulations. Discussion was held concerning ownership of the dam. Mayor Thomas said he will get in touch with Mr. Poole to get the facts as an engineer, about their report. Mr. Clark reminded council that they were not supposed to be involved with a private dam. Mr. Geckle said that according to the MASC Handbook: Page 1, Chapter 1, under Functions and Responsibilities of Municipalities, that council should be involved with the dam problems.

Attorney Cook said that the standing of the Town is what council is doing; looking into issues that would involve the welfare of the citizens. Further Discussion was Held.

THE FLOOR WAS OPENED TO RESIDENTS WHO SIGNED UP, TO SPEAK FOR 3 MINUTES.

TRENHOLM AND ARCADIA LAKES DRIVE: Mrs. Peggy Smith thanked council for having the fence moved back at intersection of Trenholm and Arcadia Lakes Drive. She said she would like to see the highway department make a little improvement there; maybe a path, not a sidewalk. Mayor Thomas said he has asked Joel Lourie to ask DOT for a full engineering study, to make sure the intersection is safe.

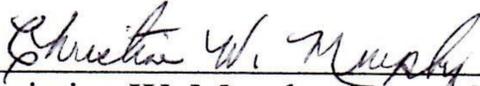
MRS. ALICIA deMYHRER said she is glad to see council considering updating the website, and it is important for residents to use it. She asked why the April minutes were late being put on the website.

MS. SHELLEY SMITH asked Ms. Jackson if Amy Armstrong had a ballpark figure for her services on the Roper Pond Appeal. A bill has not been received from her yet, Linda said. Also, Shelley said she would like to encourage Mayor Thomas and Council Members not to give up on the dam, since this is a huge Community problem.

MR. BERNIE GAUDI said he would like another speed sign on Arcadia Lakes Drive, placed in a better location on the other side of the road for traffic coming from that direction. He said he formally requests that council do something to monitor the traffic in both directions; and to study the proper location of the present sign. Mayor Thomas said the present sign has been hit by lightning, and they are in the process of getting it repaired.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss a business matter. No votes or decision was made in Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Christine W. Murphy, Town Clerk