

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2012

The Arcadia Lakes Town Council meeting was held on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM 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 Clerk Christine Murphy and Barbara Covington; Captain Cole Porter and CAT Deputy Margaret Fisher; Town residents: Frannie and Bob Larsen, Kamal Shlon, Gary and Noeni Cadle, Peter Chesney and Steve Brown.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Captain Porter reported that there had been eight reported car break-ins in Arcadia Lakes during the past month. There have been burglaries on Cary Lane, Sylvan Drive, Arcadia Lakes Drive, Huntwick Court, Ashworth Lane. Houses were burglarized at 6636 Arcadia Woods Road, 6001 Sylvan Drive, and Brentwood. A suspect has been picked up, who lives on Pinestraw Road, and might be responsible for some of the burglaries, Deputy Fisher said. Discussion was held.

WEBSITE: Web Designer Julie Prickett, owner of Mind Creations, demonstrated some of the web sites she has designed. She said it is an easy web site to upkeep. Ms. Prickett said the first phase is a discovery phase, where she sits down and talks about the needs and goals with her clients, which is when the letter of agreement is signed. The second phase is when she comes up with two or three design markups that can be passed around to the committee, and comes up with one single design. Julie said that what is on the web site now can be transferred to the new one. Ms. Prickett said she uses a host called PowWeb.com. Their special right now is \$140.00 for three years (3.88 per month), she said. Mr. Clark said that he and the Web site committee felt that Julie would be easier and nicer to work with than some of the others. Her quote for the design of the web site is \$3,000.00. Payments can be made as each phase is completed. Site updates will be \$50.00 per month. Mr. Onley said that the Town owns the URL, which needs to be kept, Julie said. Julie said that after council signs off, she will help for a month. After further discussion, Mr. Clark moved that Council sign a contract with Julie Prickett; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.. Mayor Thomas Signed the contract, along with a check for \$750.00.

SEPTEMBER 12 MINUTES: Mayor Thomas moved that the September minutes be approved as received: Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which was approved.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Robertson said he had looked at the bank statements reconciliation that Barbara Covington had prepared. As of September, the Town shows \$686.00 over budget for expenses; The Income side shows well ahead of schedule. After further review, he said he had some questions vs. the 2012 budget column, where several items did not agree with The 2012 Budget. Barbara said it could have something to do with combining The Hospitality with the General budget. Barbara said she would meet with Mr. Robertson, and work out the details.

Mayor Thomas asked Christine to have available for the residents to review, the unapproved six month report, and the unapproved budget audit.

2013 BUDGET DRAFT: Mr. Robertson reminded Council that the 2013 Budget Draft should be on the November Agenda, in order to have two readings for November and December.

STATE LAW REQUIREMENT: Mr. Robertson presented an E-mail from Shellie Smith, stating that State Law, Section 5-21-50, requires that Towns over 200 residents are required to post quarterly financial statements in a conspicuous place, or publish them in a newspaper. Mr. Robertson suggested that Scott Slatton, Field Rep. from MASC, be sent a copy of State Law S-21-50, and ask for his opinion.

COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING: Mayor Thomas reported that council had met in the MASC Training room on Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.. Scott Slatton., MASC Field Rep. for the Town, conducted the meeting and helped come up with an Action Plan. Mr. Robertson said the plan follows the COG's recommendations for Goals for Arcadia Lakes, that they had heard from the citizens at the public meetings. After discussion, Mayor Thomas moved that that Arcadia Lakes Action Plan, dated October 1, 2012, become the minutes of the Council Planning Session on September 29th. Ms. Jackson seconded the motions, which was approved. Mayor Thomas asked Christine to have the Plan posted on the Website.

TRAINING FOR PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICIALS: Mayor Thomas reported that the law requires that all Planning and Zoning officials have six hours of training to become certified, and three hours yearly for updates. Christine said she was notifying all members of the Zoning Board and Planning Commission, and she would also take it.

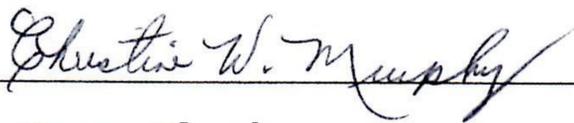
ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Ms. Jackson reported that she has been in contact with President Peggy Smith. DHEC has ordered them to drain the lake even lower, Ms. Jackson said. A child had gotten stuck in the mud, and had to be pulled out, which is a real liability for the lake owners. Ms. Jackson said that another attorney had said it appeared that DOT should have some liability for the dam, since they have used the road over the dam for many years, causing damage to it. Mayor Thomas said council can give support and help from the sidelines, but the lake owners will be the ones to decide what to do about it.

SPEED CONTROL: Mr. Kamal Shlon asked if Forest Acres was going to help the Sheriff's Department with speed control on Trenholm Road. Mayor Thomas said He planned to talk with their Police Chief, but had been told in the past that there were too many legal ramifications in between; because our court is in Judge Newsom's court; theirs is in Forest Acres. Mayor Thomas said he planned to talk with Sheriff Lott about hiring some of their deputies on an hourly basis for ordinance and speed control. Discussion was held.

Mr. Peter Chesney said he would like to see more Alerts being sent out to the residents, notifying them of break-ins, car thefts, etc. in the Town. Also report anyone working in the Town without a license or permit.

Mayor Thomas said a Reminder to report anything suspicious immediately to 911, should be in the next Newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Town Clerk