

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2013

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met Thursday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

ATTENDING were 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. Town Residents attending were: Joan Jowers, Truman Fallow, Kamal Shlon, Peggy and Bill Smith. Daniel Coble, Asst. Solicitor, Fifth Judicial Circuit, was also in attendance.

MEETING FORMAT: Mayor Pro tem Rusty Onley conducted the meeting for Mayor Thomas, who was out of town on business. Mr. Onley reminded the residents that they were welcome to speak at the end of council's business, for five minutes each.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Fisher reported that everything has been going good in the Town. There have been reports of problems with "Gypsies" posing as workers in Forest Acres, pretending to do repairs, fix roofs, etc. They will take your money, start jobs, and leave without finishing them. Also, beware of unprofessional looking business cards; Cars with out- of- state tags; some from Louisiana, Deputy Fisher said. About twelve people are working with them, canvassing the neighborhoods, so you never see the same person twice, she said. Call 911 if anyone suspicious appears at your door.

Deputy Fisher said that if anyone sees a Video Poker machine in a Convenience Store, or other kind of store; report it to Crime Stoppers (1-888-Crime SC). Leave your number and you will receive a reward, if it is a valid tip.

Christine told the residents to be on the lookout for Deputy Margaret Fisher, who will be one of the deputies hired part time through the Sheriff's Department, for three hours per day, two days a week.

JANUARY MINUTES: Mayor Pro tem Onley asked if there were any deletions or additions to the January minutes; Mr. Robertson moved that the minutes be approved as received; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mr. Norman Whitaker, with Central Midlands COG, reported that they will be updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. He said they will be able to use a lot of the material from the residents at their recent workshop. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Whitaker would provide a final draft, along with goals and objectives, at council's April meeting. A public meeting will be decided on at that time.

WEB SITE: Mr. Clark presented the web site test layout, which has all the details Council had asked for in navigating. The next job will be to populate all the tabs. Some of the data on the present web site will have to be moved over to the new One. Mr. Clark said we needed photos, which Julie had said she would do for \$350.00. Ms. Jackson asked Mayor pro tem Onley if he could work with Julie Prickett on taking pictures for the web site. He said he might already have some pictures that could be used. Mr. Robertson said that it should be appropriate to reimburse Rusty for his expenses. Attorney Cook said he would recommend that The ordinance for council members' compensation be looked into. Discussion was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into Executive Session to discuss Planning Commission appointments. No votes were taken while in Session.

PLANNING COMMISSION: After coming out of Executive Session, three applicants were voted on to serve four-year terms on the Planning Commission. The newly elected members are Peter Chesney, Bob Robinson, and Michael Smith. Mr. Robertson asked the clerk to come back to the next meeting with staggered dates for the Planning Commissioners' terms.

PART TIME DEPUTY: Christine reported that the list of duties for the part time Deputy consists of checking job sites for permits and business licenses; (anyone working in the town needs a business license;) driving through the streets of the town; speed checks on Trenholm Road (between Rockbridge and Dent School) and on Arcadia Lakes Drive, and checking on anything or anyone suspicious.

Mr. Robertson moved that \$12,500 in the 2013 budget be approved for the part time deputy; and \$12,500 for Administrative Assistant, to be held in reserve, if needed; Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which was approved. The part time deputy will be under contract with the Sheriff's Department.

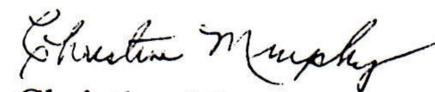
THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS:

Mrs. Joan Jowers asked what the outcome was for the request for the town to help the Cary Lake Homeowners' Association pay for replacing the fence on Cary Lake and Trenholm Road. Ms. Jackson said that the Town does not have an ordinance that would allow council to make any kind of grant. Until Arcadia Lakes has such an ordinance, and agrees to put into the budget every year a certain amount of dollars to allow for someone making application for a grant for beautification or anything else, they won't be able to help. Ms. Jackson said that "Keep America Beautiful" was willing to give the Town plants, and the residents would help put them in. Council will encourage beautification of the Town, she said.

NIGHT CLUBS: Mr. Fallow asked if any action had been taken about the requests for Liquor licenses for opening several clubs near Arcadia Lakes. The clerk reported that Mayor Thomas had written protest letters against four clubs that had applied for private club licenses, to the SC Department of Revenue. The letters were acknowledged to Mayor Thomas, but no further action has been taken. Mr. Robertson said the Town's LC ordinance does not include Night Clubs to be allowed in the Arcadia Lakes Town Limits.

Discussion was held on Special Exception Zonings, such as the Special Exception Automobile Lot on Two Notch Road, which has been sold with that zoning, along with restrictions. A re-zoning had not been applied for. Further discussion was held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Christine Murphy
Town Clerk