

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2013

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met June 9th 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 Richland County Captain Cole Porter, Deputy Aaron_Salters, Barbara Covington. Residents attending were Frannie and Bob Larsen, Kamal Shlon, Mark Huguley, Peter Chesney, Truman Fallaw, Bernie Gaudi, Shellie Smith, George Geckle, Peggy Smith, Don Davis, Steve Brown, and George Derrick.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Salters reported that he works in Arcadia Lakes area from time to time, and helps Margaret Fisher out occasionally. He reported that there had been a burglary at 5820 Sylvan Drive, 2 Lakecrest Drive, and 108 Oakwood Road. Vandalism was reported at 12 Lakecrest Drive. Two guys, one Hispanic, rang the doorbell. When the young girl at the house didn't answer The door, they walked into the back yard. She called 911, Deputy Salters said. He said to always call if you see anything suspicious.

Captain Porter reported that Deputy Margaret Fisher has been catching Individuals working in the town without a Arcadia Lakes business license. Any job over \$500, except painting, needs a permit also. Captain Porter reported that a Sports Bar is in the process of opening up in Fashion Place Mall, on Decker Boulevard, across from Dent Middle School. He said he is concerned about the Dent School kids who come to the Mall after school, and is protesting the club's liquor license request, and suggested that council also protest the license request.

WEBSITE: Mayor Thomas apologized for the minutes from the last two meetings, not being on the web site. New soft ware is in the process of being installed, and the minutes should be on there soon, he said.

MAY MINUTES: Mayor Thomas moved that the May minutes be approved with corrections. Councilman Clark seconded the motion, which was approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mayor Thomas reported that the Planning Commission had met with the COG's Wayne Shuler on June 18th with the Comprehensive Plan's update. They are still working on the Plan and will have another meeting on July 30th.

ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY: Ms. Jackson reported That she had done extensive comparison between the County and the Town's Animal Control Ordinance. The major difference is that pet licensing is not required by The Town's ordinance. After further discussion, Ms. Jackson said she would call Animal Control authorities with questions about the Agreement.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT: Ms. Covington said that an Agreement with County Council /Sheriff's Department cannot be located. Mayor Thomas said it should have been signed around twelve years ago with The county. Mr. Robertson said that if it is not located, maybe other towns would have an agreement that we could check with. Mayor Thomas said he would call Sheriff Lott.

FINANCE REPORT: Ms. Covington said that the report is in a different format since she is now learning Quick Books. She asked council members to look at it and give her feedback on what needs to be added or can be deleted on future reports. Discussion was held.

TRENHOLM ROAD EXTENSION SCHOOL: Mayor Thomas said that he had written letters to several of the school board members expressing the need for run off environmental protection from the construction site of the new school. Mr. Mark Huguley said he had met with School District 2 officials, and was told That due to population growth in the area, the new Elementary School is needed.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Mr. Bernie Gaudi reported that the owner of the dam, Mrs. Kay Cockrell, had died. Lake owners plan to solicit additional funds for study of the dam, and possibly sue Ms. Cockrell's estate, Mr. Gaudi said. Discussion was held.

Council member Linda Jackson reported that she had noticed a suspicious looking person walking between Arcadia Lakes Drive and Decker Boulevard, several nights in a row after 9:00, wearing shorts, a billed baseball cap, and carrying a back pack. Ms. Jackson reminded everyone that they need to be vigilant of anyone or anything unusual in the town.

CAMERAS: Mr. Huguley said he had done research on surveillance cameras. It seems to him that council might want to consider a stand alone camera system, that has recording capacity for video record at the camera site. Mr. Huguley said it was important that the camera be able to identify faces and read license plates. After discussion, Mayor Thomas said he would like for council members to review materials from Mr. Huguley, and discuss cameras further at next month's meeting. Councilman Robertson said that a Resolution would be needed to show support of council to purchase cameras, and the cost would have to be added to next year's Budget.

CATS: Mrs. Frannie Larsen said she does not like cats roaming around her neighborhood, especially when she finds fur from birds that the cats have killed. Mayor Thomas told her to call Animal Control, and they will send out a trap to catch them, and take them away.

Mrs. Larsen said that her neighbor, Mrs. Barfield, has a big puddle at the foot of her mailbox, where a water main had broken, been repaired, and washed out again, which makes it difficult to get to her mailbox. Ms. Jackson said she had talked with Mrs. Barfield, who said she was getting gravel put down in front of her box. She said she would call Mrs. Barfield again.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Mr. Kamal Shlon said that the county has nothing about controlling cats in their agreement. He said that if a resident has photos of dogs running loose, they can take the dog owners to court.

Mr. Peter Chesney asked why the minutes didn't reflect all the comments from the public. Mr. Thomas said the minutes are not supposed to be verbatim, but everything is on tape. Discussion was held.

Mr. Chesney said he would like to know the total spent, and the budget on Roper Pond. After discussion, Ms. Jackson said she had all the figures at the office, and would be glad to share them with him. Mr. Chesney asked about the status of the Re-hearing, and Ms. Jackson said they haven't heard anything yet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk

