

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2013

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met Thursday, November 14, 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 Attorney Charles Cook; Town Clerk Christine Murphy. Newly elected mayor, Mark Huguley; Newly elected council members; Don Davis and Peter Chesney. Residents attending were Mary Helen and L.E. Spradlin, Bob Jackson, Bernie Gaudi, Betty Walker, George Geckle, Peggy and Bill Smith, Mike Smith, Alicia DeMyhrer, Sally Huguley, Sherry Davis, Aaron Small, Murray Davis, Steve Brown, Frannie & Bob Larsen, and Hilary Chesney.

OCTOBER MINUTES: Ms. Jackson moved that the October minutes be accepted as written; Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which was approved

2014 REVISED BUDGET 2nd READING: Mayor Thomas reported that the 2014 budget had been revised, per Mr. Robertson's request, to show six months garbage pickup rather than twelve months. Then pay for 9 to 12 months from Contingency and Miscellaneous dollars, if the dollars come in from the state, which will be up to the new council. Mayor Thomas moved that the Revised Budget be approved for second and final reading; Mr. Clark abstained from voting, due to garbage proposal. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FINAL READING: The Comprehensive Plan was presented at the public hearing on October 28th, and was approved for first reading. Ms. Jackson moved that the final reading be approved for the Comprehensive Plan; Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which was approved.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Ms. Jackson reported that she had received an e-mail from Sandra Haynes, Director of Richland County Animal Care, with reference to Ms. Jackson's e-mail; stating that the Town would like to move forward updating the current IGA; The Town would like to adopt the county animal ordinance, and would like to keep Section 6-201 of their current ordinance, which was attached. Ms. Jackson said her e-mail was forwarded by Sandra Haynes to Elizabeth McLean, Asst. County Attorney, who will get back with Ms. Jackson in a few days. They will prepare the new Intergovernmental Agreement, and Council will review it and make any necessary number changes. The county ordinance requires licensing of pets, which will apply to the Town when the Agreement becomes effective.. The residents will receive that information as soon as the Agreement is approved and signed. Mr. Cook said that it would be legal to adopt ordinance and approve Agreement at the same time. Discussion was held.

ELECTION: The Clerk reported that the November 5th election went smoothly and That 426 residents voted, out of 727 registered voters. Mark Huguley won the Mayor's seat; Don Davis and Peter Chesney won the two council seats, for four-Year terms.

BANNERS: Mary Helen Spradlin asked why the Town's "flags" did not all match. She said that some looked new and some looked older. She said that the Town Should have all new flags, to keep from looking "chintzy". Mayor Thomas said that the colors were changed, and only the older flags were replaced, due to cost.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Mrs. Peggy Smith reported that a four page Article about the history of the lake and dam, was in the November 1st "Columbia Star". Mrs. Smith said they have now listed the Arcadia Woods Lake Company as a Creditor with Vera Taylor Cockrell's Estate. Vera Cockrell's Estate owns the earthen dam, and the Arcadia Woods Lake Company owns the lake bed. They have filed, and will have a suit for gross negligence, to the operation of the dam. Since it could take a couple of years, it will probably be a long drawn out process, Mrs. Smith said. The Lake Association is also conducting a preliminary study of the drainage system, which will give them an idea of the water flow system and the problems. Mrs. Cockrell had done a quick claim deed, which was not accepted by the State. In her Will she listed it as a donation to the State, which they would not accept. Mayor Thomas suggested that the new Council work with the state representatives and senators to try to put pressure on DOT to address the issue.

ARCADIA LAKES DRIVE: Mr. Geckle said that he and Mr. Gaudi disagree with Page 33 in the Comprehensive Plan, which states that the winding nature of Arcadia Lakes Drive serves to reduce traffic speeds. Also, Page 40 addresses speeding on Trenholm Road through law enforcement, and should be enforced. He said that he disagrees that a network for management of each lake has been established, on page 23 of the Comprehensive Plan; and would like to know what the legal ramifications are of that word. He said that he and his wife understand associations, but not network, and feel the new council should address this.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Mr. Bob Jackson reported that he had checked with Nelson, Mullins, Grier and Scarborough to see if the dam project would be eligible for their Pro Bono Division. They agreed that it was a deplorable situation, but there was nothing they could do about it.

SPEED SIGN: Mr. Gaudi said that he had requested a portable speed sign for Arcadia Lakes Drive, to temporarily replace the one hit by lightning. Deputy Fisher will check to see if one is available, Christine said. Mayor Thomas said that he would recommend to the new council that they follow up with repairs to the electronic sign.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Attorney Charles Cook swore in newly elected Mayor Mark W. Huguley, and newly elected Council members; Peter F. Chesney, and Donald R. Davis. They will be serving four-year terms.

Mayor Thomas thanked Deputy Margaret Fisher for her excellent service to Arcadia Lakes. He said she does an excellent job finding workers without business licenses; Jobs without Permits; and going above and beyond her duties helping out the residents in the Town, as well as catching speeders on Trenholm and Arcadia Lakes Drive.

Ms. Jackson moved that the old and new councils go into Executive Session for the purpose of Legal and Personnel matters.

The meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk