

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2013

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met Thursday, 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 Attorney Charles Cook, Town Clerk Christine Murphy, Town residents : Bernie Gaudi, Bob Larsen, Peggy and Bill Smith, Don Davis, Billy Smith, Peter Chesney, Frank Lee, Steve Brown, Joan Jowers, Doris Garber, Alicia de Myhrer, Mark Huguley,

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Mayor Thomas asked if there were corrections or additions to the September minutes: Mr. Robertson moved that the minutes be approved as received; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

ANIMAL CONTROL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: Discussion was held on proposed changes for the Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement with the county. Mr. Clark said he would be happy to accept the agreement as written; Mayor Thomas said he did not approve of having to license dogs on a yearly basis. Mr. Robertson said he would like to accept the county ordinance as stands, which should simplify enforcement. After discussion, Mr. Robertson moved that council ask Attorney Cook to write a new ordinance identical to the county's, but substitute Town in place of county, wherever appropriate; and bring back to the November meeting for first reading. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Ms. Jackson said she would like to amend the motion to make sure to maintain Section 6.201 of the Town Ordinance, which is "Animals and Fowl Prohibited." Motion was approved. Mr. Robertson said that there should be a "start date" after the Agreement is approved, So the residents will know when to start registering their dogs. For their information, it can be put on the web site and the Newsletter, he said. A new Intergovernmental Agreement will have to be signed, when it is completed, since the old one is dated 1979, Mr. Robertson said.

2012 AUDIT REPORT: Mayor Thomas moved that the 2012 Audit Report be accepted as prepared by Phil Betette, with additions and corrections per Town Attorney and council members. After discussion, Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

2014 BUDGET DRAFT: Mayor Thomas presented the 2014 Budget draft. He reported that the Local Option Sales Tax and Franchise Fees, from SCANA, Time Warner, AT&T, etc. were \$15,000 to \$20,000 more than budgeted, according to the Audit and what was projected. The Local Option Sales Tax was \$27,000 more than what was projected. Our Town, according to the Audit is in very sound condition, thanks to the clerk for helping to keep it that way, Mayor Thomas said. The total government fund at the end of the year was \$962,000. After further discussion, Mr. Robertson moved that the proposed budget be approved for first reading, and amended to show the garbage pickup line to be \$61,500 for six months, rather than the proposed \$123,000 for the full year. Mayor Thomas suggested that the new council review the finances after the first quarter of next year, and make sure the Local Option Sales Tax and the franchise fees are still as estimated; so the Town can afford another six months for garbage payments. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

GRANTS: Mayor Thomas reported that Ms. Jackson had talked with the attorney at MASC about possible grant money to be spent on private lakes and ponds. She was told that there was no legal way that public money can be spent on private property. Ms. Jackson said that she also talked with Shell Suber of Forest Acres and was told the same thing. She said she will continue to make every effort to find a way to help Arcadia Woods Lake residents. Tom Clark said thousands of cars use Arcadia Lakes Drive on a regular basis the condition it is in is bad for tourism.

CAMERAS: Ms. Jackson said that Deputy Fisher had reported that the county is planning to put up cameras at the intersection of Two Notch and Risley Road, and also at Decker and Two Notch Road. That might be a factor as to where the Town's cameras will need to be placed. Residents will have to be more vigilant and report anything or anyone suspicious in the area.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mayor Thomas reported that there will be a public hearing Monday, October 28th for the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Suite one (next door to Town Hall). The Planning Commission has recommended to Town Council that the Comprehensive Plan be adopted by Ordinance, after public hearing, in accordance with SC Code Section 6-29-530. Mr. Robertson said he would like to note one thing in the plan on page 33, referring to Trenholm Road's volume of traffic as a detriment to the Town. Make the road more pedestrian and bicycle friendly, and to employ strategies to slow traffic, such as islands, cross walks, etc. More information is provided in the Transportation Element on page 40. After discussion, Mr. Robertson said he would recommend that there be an implementation strategy to reflect the language on Page 33. Mr. Gaudi asked why Trenholm and not Arcadia Lakes Drive was included in the Plan. He said he had been asking for help for the past four years. Mayor Thomas said he had been trying to get C funds for sidewalks on Arcadia Lakes Drive, for the Past 10 years. The funds are always appropriated for other areas of the County because our per capita income has always been what knocks us out of the ball park.

ELECTION Mayor Thomas reported that the Town Election for Mayor and two Council members, will be held Tuesday, November 5th at North Trenholm Baptist Church. Voting for the Library Referendum will be at your regular Precinct, he said.

Mayor Thomas thanked everyone for their support over the past sixteen years, when he served as council member and Mayor. He said the Town's budget has gone from \$125,000 per year to \$300,000 per year, with more money coming in. There have been many accomplishments, including an office and conference room for meetings. There were many public hearings over the last two years. He thanked Mark Robertson and Tom Clark, for putting together goals for the Town, along with previous council members. These goals are incorporated into our Comprehensive Plan, as well as what the citizens have wanted. Hopefully, the next council will use the funds that council and use them properly for the projects the residents have come up with. He said he he wants to support the Town from your side of the table. He thanked Mark Robertson and Tom Clark for their four years of service.

Mayor Thomas thanked Town Attorney, Charles Cook, and told him he could not have done it without him.

BERNIE GAUDI said that the traffic on Arcadia Lakes Drive is not going 20 mph. He said to ask the deputies to please put up the temporary speed sign again. Discussion was held on the legality of the 20 mph speed signs.

GARBAGE SERVICE: Mrs. Peggy Smith said the garbage service paid for off and on Is very confusing. She said that if the Town is going to pay for the garbage, they ought To have a better rate, since no billing is required by Yandle.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Peggy Smith said that she would like to see all the private lakes go together and set up a 501C grant program. The County says, Peggy said, that the dam has not been taxable land since 1948, since it is used by a public entity. Vera Cockrell said in her will that she gave the dam to the state, even though they are not accepting it. DOT is not accepting any responsibility, Peggy said. Tom Clark said that Arcadia Lakes Drive is used for Emergency Vehicles daily, such as Fire, Ambulance, etc. and is a very important cut-through for them. Discussion was held.

RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 has now formally placed a contract for the Palmer property on Trenholm Road Extension and O'Neil Court to build an Elementary school, Peter Chesney said. Gills Creek Watershed Association is bitterly opposed to it, because of the location. Cary Lake Homeowners' Association is having pictures taken before And after for documentation. Mr. Robertson said three streams merge behind Chick Fila

