

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met on September 5th 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 and Barbara Covington; CAT Deputy Margaret Fisher and Captain Porter, from the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Residents attending were Bill and Peggy Smith, Mark Huguley, Don Davis, Larry Funderburk, Peter Chesney, Bernie Gaudi, Frank Lee, Bob and Frannie Larsen, and Daughter, and Steve Brown.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Captain Porter reported that there had been a break-in at Allstate Insurance Agency, 6911 N. Trenholm Road, on August 27th. Deputy Margaret Fisher reported that she is having issues with enforcing speed Limits on Arcadia Lakes Drive. The speed limit starts at 30mph; drops to 20mph, with 25mph signs on a couple of curves. Deputy Fisher said she is being challenged in court over the enforcement of the advisory signs. In order for the 20 mph signs to be enforced, there has to be a "Reduce Speed Ahead" sign, she was told. Mayor Thomas said he would follow up with DOT's Traffic & Planning Department and get documentation as to when the curve analysis was done.

AUGUST MINUTES: Mayor Thomas moved that the August minutes be approved as changed; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mayor Thomas reported that the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Plan has been turned in by the Arcadia Lakes Planning Commission, with the help of Central Midlands COG. A public hearing date needs to be set for the Comprehensive Plan review. The final draft is on the web site, Mayor Thomas said.

ANIMAL CONTROL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: After discussion, Council members agreed to study the agreement further, mark the provisions each one approves or disapproves of, and vote on the provisions at the October council meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Robertson reported that there were no problems or questions with the June and July Financial Report. He said that he checks the balance month to month and the reconciliation, to make sure everything agrees with the bank statements and Barbara's reconciliation. He said that now that the Town is using Quick books, to ask McGregor for a reduction in their auditing charges.

CAMERAS: Deputy Fisher said that the county is putting cameras up at Shakespeare and Risley Road intersection, and two at Decker and Two Notch intersection. They plan to put up five cameras altogether to start with, she said. Mayor Thomas said that the Town will need an ordinance that states limits on the cameras; as to what information can be obtained, and by whom, if the town plans to put cameras up, in addition to the county's. After discussion, Mayor Thomas said they will work with the information that Mark Huguley had presented, and would wait to hear further from Deputy Fisher.

WEBSITE: Discussion was held on the Website Maintenance contract from Julie Prickett/ Mind Creations LLC. Barbara Covington said she had confirmed with Julie that her charges would be \$185.00 per quarter and \$65.00 per additional hour. After Discussion, Mr. Robertson moved that Mayor Thomas sign the contract for two quarters, @ \$185.00 per quarter, and \$65.00 for each additional hour. Motion was approved.

Ms. Jackson reported that she had talked with "Burt" Pardue, who had submitted a Web site proposal. He said he could provide assistance on an "as needed" basis at \$50.00 per hour, with a minimum of \$35.00 per incident.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE: Mrs. Peggy Smith, President of Arcadia Woods Lake Association, reported that Dan Creed Engineering Company had done a preliminary study on the spillway system. The surveyor can let the Association know if they have a \$50,000 or \$350,000 problem. Ms. Smith said that they have also been talking with an attorney for legal advice, and Joel Lourie and Beth Bernstein. There is no obvious solution at this point, she said. There will be a feature story about Arcadia Woods Lake, coming out soon in "The Columbia Star", Ms. Smith said.

GRANTS: Mayor Thomas said Town funds can not be spent on individual interests or private property, but for the benefit of the whole town; and also with an Ordinance for Grant provisions. Ms. Jackson said she had talked with the Municipal Association Attorney Danny Crowe, and Charles Cook about issuing grants for Town projects. Discussion was held.

SPECIAL ELECTION: Mr. Gaudi asked Ms. Jackson what would happen to her council seat, if she wins the November Mayor's election. Ms. Jackson said there would be another election to fill her vacant seat in February.

Council moved to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for matters pertaining to Roper Pond case, and get legal advice. There will be no vote in Executive Session, Mayor Thomas said.;

After coming out of Executive Session, Mr. Robertson moved that the Mayor be authorized to respond to the FOIA request from Mark Huguley, with a letter prepared by the Town Attorney. Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which was approved.

Mr. Robertson moved that the meeting be adjourned: Mr. Clark seconded the Motion, which was approved.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk