

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2014

The Town of Arcadia Lakes Council meeting met Thursday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

ATTENDING were Mayor Mark Huguley; Mayor Pro tem Don Davis; Council members: Peter Chesney, Linda Jackson, and Rusty Onley. Also attending was Town Attorney Charles Cook; Town Clerks Christine Murphy, and Barbara Covington, Capt. Cole Porter, Deputy Margaret Fisher. Town residents attending were Barbara and Robert Williams, Frannie and Bob Larsen, Peggy and Bill Smith, Fred and Alicia Myhrer, Larry Funderburk, Bob Jackson, Bernie Gaudi, Steve Brown, and Albert Whiteside.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Frannie and Bob Larsen were recognized for their long-term service to the town. They will be moving to Jacksonville, Florida near the end of the month.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Captain Porter reported that a burglary had been reported at 503 Arcadia Lakes Drive East. Also, four vehicle thefts were reported on Cary Lane. A hit and run accident occurred on Arcadia Lakes Drive. The driver was apprehended 45 minutes later, approximately two miles away, Deputy Fisher said. The speed limit on Arcadia Lakes Drive has been confirmed at 30mph now Deputy Fisher said. Because of the number of vehicle break-ins in the Town, Deputies worked during the month of December on Wednesday through Sunday nights from 12:00 to 3:00 AM. Deputy Fisher said their presence probably prevented more break-ins.

CRIME WATCH: Mayor Huguley had talked with Deputy Fisher about helping to start a Crime Watch program in the Town. Also, the Sheriff's Department has a Reserve Deputy program that the Town could utilize, which is free law enforcement, she said. They are trying to start a bike patrol, and have several deputies that are available to sign out a patrol car, and go on patrol by themselves, which would be good for Arcadia Lakes. Some have ticket books and some don't, to be able to write speeding tickets. Deputy Fisher said they have successfully prosecuted three large trucks on Arcadia Lakes Drive. The drivers' tickets are \$257.50.

Captain Porter reported that the Sheriff's Department is getting a new DNA testing Machine that is three times smaller than the machine they have. The present machine takes 24 hours for a rush job for DNA testing; the new machine will take two hours.

TPAC: Mr. Bobby Williams, Arcadia Lakes' representative for Transportation Penny Advisory Committee, reported that even though the bill was passed, it was held up for six months in a lawsuit. After the county won the lawsuit, they started collecting the penny tax in May. Six Hundred Fifty-Six Million dollars is for Roads; Three Hundred Million for buses; and eighty million for Greenways. There are a lot of dirt roads in Lower Richland that will be paved for the first time, he said. Percival Road and O'Neil Court will get some improvements; Streetscaping on Decker Blvd., Southeast Richland, Broad River Neighborhoods, Sidewalks & Pedestrian Connector at Richland Northeast High School, and streetscaping in Trenholm Acres New Castle, and Trenholm to O'Neil Court.

TRANSIT SYSTEM: Smaller buses will be purchased, that will use natural gas; improving the routes; Mr. Gaudi said that transportation for the elderly is very important, And could keep some of them out of retirement homes. Mr. Williams said he would Check into that at the next TPAC meeting. Mr. Cook said that residents can contact the Transit Authority to make requests; Appointments can be made for use of the Dart system with hardships or other matters. Tag license fees were used to fund the buses for the last three to four years, but there was not enough money.

WEBSITE: Mrs. Alicia deMyrer said she would like to see the website kept more up to date, especially with the minutes. Discussion was held.

FIRE HYDRANTS: Mr. Gaudi said that we are paying a fire hydrant fee on the water bills, but he can only locate one in his area. Mr. Cook said that the City of Columbia is responsible for the fire hydrants, and the fire department should have a map where they are located. The Town has no jurisdiction on how the rates are set by the City of Columbia Water Department, he said. Mr. Gaudi asked if the 20mph and 25mph signs were enforceable on Arcadia Lakes Drive. Mayor Huguley said without additional signage, it is still up in the air, but said he is working on getting clarification for speed limits on Arcadia Lakes Drive. Also, Mr. Gaudi announced that Gills Creek Watershed Association is working with Whole Foods, who has agreed to donate to the Association 5% of their net proceeds on January 15th.

Mr. Bob Jackson said he would be leery of setting up Police officer's telephone numbers on the Website, which could be dangerous for everyone to have access to that information. Mr. Jackson said that if the Town spends \$2,000 for a speed device, will it tell what car is speeding, and are we able to enforce the fact that they are breaking the law.

DECEMBER 5, 2013 MINUTES: Mayor Huguley moved that the December minutes be approved with corrections; Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved.

RESERVE DEPUTIES: Mayor Huguley reported that he would like to use the Reserve Deputy Program for Arcadia Lakes, at no cost to the Town. After discussion, Mayor Huguley moved that the Town request the Sheriff's office that the Reserve Deputy Program be utilized in Arcadia Lakes. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved.

CRIME WATCH PROGRAM: Mayor Huguley moved that the Crime Watch Program be re-established in Arcadia Lakes. After discussion, Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved.

STREET LIGHTS: Councilman Davis reported that the last council was good enough to leave council enough funds in the budget to move forward on this project right away. The latest proposal we have from SCE&G to upgrade present lighting and addition of three new ones, is to increase our monthly bill by \$282.36. This would include changing out thirty of the 150W fixtures on Trenholm Road to 400W and add 6 ft. arms to extend over the road for better coverage. Also, replacing eleven old 175W Mercury Vapor fixtures will be swapped out for 150W High Pressure Sodium fixtures. Three additional street lights will be added; two on Lakecrest and one on Arcadia Woods Road. Mr. Davis said he would like to make a motion to move forward with it. Ms. Jackson said she is looking at the Hospitality budget under street lights, which is \$14,500. Following discussion, Mayor Huguley seconded the motion, which was approved.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Concern has been expressed by a couple of residents on Arcadia Lakes Drive over a sentence on page 33, that reads: The winding nature of Arcadia Lakes Drive serves to reduce traffic speeds. Mayor Huguley suggested that The sentence be amended as follows: The winding nature of Arcadia Lakes Drive serves to reduce traffic speeds, but is insufficient to achieve compliance with Speed limits. Mayor Huguley moved that the chairman of the Planning Commission be sent a letter requesting that they consider amending the one sentence similar to what he suggested. Mr. Chesney seconded the motion, which was approved.

SPEED DISPLAY DEVICE: Mayor Huguley reported that he would anticipate using A Speed Display Device on N. Trenholm and Arcadia Lakes Drive, to warn speeders when they are exceeding the speed limit, and hope they would slow down. It would record data of the number of vehicles and the rates of speed, and would not be used to charge people, but to warn them. Mayor Huguley said that he has developed some specifications that might be used by the Town to bid the product. He has checked statewide contracts that have been established through the Budget and Control Board, and has a list of five vendors to solicit bids to. He had provided copies of Specifications to council, and said he would like to make a motion to move forward with the process of soliciting bids for procurement of this equipment item. Mr. Chesney seconded the

Ms. Jackson reported that she had confirmed that an encroachment permit, and approval from DOT, must be received before anything is put up on their road. After further discussion, Mayor Huguley withdrew his motion until DOT issues can be resolved, he said.

SCE&G TREE TRIMMING: SCE&G officials had met with Mayor Huguley to let him know that in the February through April time frame, there would be some tree trimming in the Town. They will use a Contractor and expect to send residents postcards and will provide a point of contact if there are any concerns. There will be some trimming on N. Trenholm but the targeted areas are off the main lines, called arteries, Mayor Huguley said.

BEAUTIFICATION: Mr. Chesney said he would like to beautify Trenholm Road area, such as replacing rusted fencing, etc. He said he has downloaded extensive instructions on what DOT allows on their property, and what they do not. Mr. Chesney said that before he talks with Columbia Green about some help with beautification and financial grants, he would like for he and Mayor Huguley to meet with DOT representatives.

WEB SITE MAINTENANCE & TOWN CALENDAR: Mayor Huguley said he would like see a calendar added to the Town's web site, for monthly meetings, etc. Ms. Jackson said that contract maintenance had been provided by Julie Prickett, for \$185.00 per quarter for up to three hours of work, plus \$65.00 per hour for any additional work. Ms. Jackson said that she had talked with Burt Pardue with Site-Image, who comes highly recommended, about taking on Web Site Maintenance for the Town. His contract charge would be \$135 per quarter for three hours of work, plus \$50.00 for anything extra. After discussion, Ms. Jackson moved that a contract be signed with Burt Pardue, Site-Image; Mayor Huguley seconded the motion, which was approved.

Mr. Whiteside asked how we know when a new resident moves in. Discussion was held on sending informational packages to newcomers. Christine said she will start sending out newcomer packets again. Mr. Huguley said that a survey needs to be done to update information as far as e-mail addresses, etc.

Bernie Gaudi asked about the speed sign on Arcadia Lakes Drive. Mayor Huguley said that it is being repaired, and should be back in the same place soon. Mr. Gaudi also said he would like to see more property annexed into the Town.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk

