

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2014

The Arcadia Lakes Town Council met Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00 PM 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 were Town Attorney Charles Cook; Town Clerk Christine Murphy; CAT Deputy Margaret Fisher and Captain Cole Porter. Town residents attending were Joan Jowers, Bernie Gaudi, Peggy Smith, and Steve Brown.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Margaret Fisher reported that there had been three car break-ins at the Roper Pond Apartment Complex on Trenholm Road on March 25th. There had been four more car break-ins; two on Arcadia Woods Road, and one on Cary Lane. Thanks to Steve Brown's camera, a suspect was caught on Trenholm Road, with two GPS's in his possession. Mayor Huguley said there had also been a car break-in at 6808 Pinetree Circle that had been reported. Captain Porter said they appreciate the citizens' help in reporting suspicious activities in the area.

Councilman Davis asked if there had been any complaints about motorcycles racing up and down Two Notch Road around 7:00 p.m. Deputy Fisher said that Hooter's has a big motorcycle rally on Wednesday nights and The Front Porch on Parklane caters to bikers, Captain Porter said. There is not a county ordinance for motorcycle noise, except for revving up the motor. Captain Porter said the state has an ordinance against "Improper Start"

MARCH MINUTES: Ms. Jackson moved that the March minutes be approved as received; Mr. Onley seconded the motion, which was approved.

STREET LIGHTING: Councilman Davis reported that SCE&G would begin staking and flagging within the next ten to fourteen days, and see a light-change out and installation within the next three weeks. Once the project starts, it should take about 30 to 45 days to complete.

SPEED DISPLAY SIGNS: Mayor Huguley reported that the site needed to place the Speed sign on Trenholm Road, is not in DOT's right-of-way; therefore, no encroachment permit is required. DOT has looked at specifications on three vendors' products. Two were satisfactory; the third one has not been heard from yet. Three vendors' bids are needed, so it will be necessary to hold off a little longer, Mayor Huguley said. Discussion was held.

TOWN CALENDAR: Mr. Burt Pardue has implemented a Calendar on the web site for Town events, Mayor Huguley reported.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY: Due to Peter Chesney's resignation to serve on Town Council, his seat on the Planning Commission is vacant. Mayor Huguley said if council agrees, it will be announced by e-mail if anyone wants to be considered for the four-year term. After discussion, council agreed to advertise by e-mail for the vacancy.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Lake President Peggy Smith reported that she would like for the Town to consider a watershed committee, that could investigate and find out what has been done about their Lake situation. She said the county has spent money, starting at Decker Boulevard where inadequate drainage has not been completely siphoned off, up to our area and making a lake at the railroad trestle. After further discussion, council member Peter Chesney said there are no public funds available for private lakes.

Mr. Chesney reported that the county has \$50,000 to monitor Little Jackson Creek and Jackson Creek; to establish a data base for silt running in those creeks naturally, before the development of the new Elementary School. They will do the same after the school is built. He said there will be a monitoring station set up on Decker Boulevard near Rush's, where all the water from the channel flows, which will be monitored for full analysis of contents of the water. They would like to establish a mechanism for putting up barriers in the stream to hold siltation back.

Mayor Huguley reported that the new member of DOT Commission, representing the 2nd District, is John Hardy. Mayor Huguley said he had written to Mr. Hardy, asking when the Arcadia Woods Lake dam will be addressed. Mr. Hardy had replied that he would arrange a meeting.

STANDARDIZED BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION: Council members had reviewed the new standardized business license application that MASC had sent out. Mayor Huguley said that, in his opinion, it goes beyond the requirements of a small Municipality. After discussion, it was agreed that the Town would continue using the application form they have used for many years.

OFFICE TECHNOLOGY: Mayor Huguley reported that the computer used in Barb Covington's office is "woefully inadequate" he was told. Discussion was held on upgrading the computers and software in the office. After discussion, It was agreed that Linda Jackson would talk with Burt Pardue and Allen Whittingham, who helps with the computers at her office, about helping with the upgrades.

RECYCLING: Mr. Bernie Gaudi said he could not understand why Ronnie Yandle had not picked up his recycling from his new tall can with a “Pea Green” top. He was told to call Ronnie and ask him.

SPEED SIGN – Arcadia Lakes Drive: Mr. Steve Brown said that he was getting the speed sign repaired, that was hit by lightning on Arcadia Lakes Drive.. As soon as the additional parts come in, he will have it put back up, he said.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Don Davis moved that council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

After coming out of executive session and discussing personnel matters; It was agreed that Mayor Huguley and councilman Don Davis will continue to look for a suitable candidate for Administrative Assistant to Town Clerk, and to make a probation offer when they find a satisfactory candidate. It was also approved by council members, Peter Chesney, Linda Jackson, and Rusty Onley,

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine W. Murphy, Town Clerk