

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2014

The Town of Arcadia Lakes Council met on Thursday, May 1, 2014 in the Town Hall Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

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; Captain Cole Porter; Town residents Peggy Smith, Bernie Gaudi, Steve Brown, and Joan Jowers.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Captain Porter reported that there has been an increase in lawn equipment thefts, due to garage and workshop doors being left open, while residents are working in the yard.

Two TV's and other items were stolen from two houses on Sylvan Drive, with unlocked doors. Captain Porter said their lab took DNA samples, but no suspects have been identified yet. When the DNA samples come back, there could be some suspects, he said.

Bernie Gaudi asked if a speed limit sign could be placed above the speed display sign on Arcadia Lakes Drive. Mayor Huguley said that DOT now requires that the speed limit sign be posted above or near a display sign. After discussion, Captain Porter said he was told that the yellow signs on Arcadia Lakes Drive were suggested speed limits, and the white signs show the legitimate speed limit.

Mayor Huguley reported that he and Steve Brown went to the Preliminary Hearing today, concerning the recent Cary Lane car break-ins arrest. They stayed from 2:00 until 3:30, and court was still hearing the morning cases. He said they spoke to the assistant solicitor, and let her know that they supported the prosecution. Captain Porter said he would let the Investigator know they had been there.

SPEED DISPLAY SIGN: Mayor Huguley moved that three bids be procured for a Speed Display sign on Trenholm Road: Peter Chesney seconded the motion. Mrs. Peggy Smith said that the speed sign on Arcadia Lakes Drive had recorded approximately 20,000 cars per month. Peggy asked if any studies had been done on Trenholm Road to determine if speeding or traffic is a problem, before money is spent on an expensive speed sign. If data shows a serious problem, it will be good evidence to take to the Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's department to let them know we need as much help as they can give us, Mayor Huguley said. After discussion, he said that the Town has a good Comprehensive Plan and hopes we will use and be guided by it. After further discussion, the motion to procure three (unsealed) bids for speed display sign for Trenholm Road was approved. Mayor Huguley said he will come back to council with the results.

APRIL MINUTES: Ms. Jackson moved that the April minutes be approved as received; Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved by council.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER: After review of the two applicants who applied for the Planning Commission vacancy, Doug Marks was appointed to replace Peter Chesney, who had resigned to become a council member.

OFFICE TECHNOLOGY: Christine Murphy reported that a new Dell Computer had been purchased for \$834.83 by Burt Pardue, with Windows 7, Quick books, Excel and Office software.

NEW EMPLOYEE: Mayor Huguley reported that he and councilman Don Davis had conditionally hired Gayle Page to replace Barb Covington, who has decided to retire; and has agreed to provide some training for Gayle. Mark moved that Gayle Page be ratified as a part time Administrative Assistant on a probationary basis of 90 days. Ms. Jackson moved that motion be made; Mr. Onley seconded the motion, which was approved.

Mayor Huguley expressed thanks to Barbara Covington on behalf of the town, and appreciation for all of her services for the past six years.

TREE PERMIT: Mayor Huguley said that Town resident James Keith had requested permission to cut down 30 trees behind his house at 6717 Cary Lane. Attorney Cook said there should be some Cary Lake Covenants and Conditions somewhere that would pertain to trees, as well as the town ordinances. Mr. Keith had sent word that since he was unable to attend tonight's meeting, that his tree request be put on the June agenda. It was agreed that since council member Peter Chesney will be out of town, the tree request will be postponed until the July meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine W. Murphy, Town Clerk