

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2014

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met at 6:00 PM, June 10th 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, and Town Clerk Christine Murphy. Residents attending were: Peggy Smith, Harriet Smoak, James Keith, Bernie Gaudi, and Steve Brown.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

JUNE MINUTES: Mr. Davis moved that the June minutes be approved; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

SPEED DISPLAY SIGN: Mayor Huguley reported that he had met on site with a SCE&G representative on Trenholm Road, to ask permission to use the outlet at the top of the pole, as the source of power for a speed display sign. They would not accept the plan, and came up with one more complicated. SCE&G will require a gate in the existing fence, in order to come in and read the meter. They will also not allow the use of their poles for any new devices. Mayor Huguley said. After a lengthy process, including twenty-eight separate and distinct steps he has taken to try to move this project forward, Mayor Huguley moved to defer any further action on the Speed Display Sign until we begin the budget process, and will re-visit it at that point. Mr. Chesney seconded the motion, which was approved.

TREE REMOVAL REQUEST: Mr. James Keith of 6717 Cary Lane, requested a permit to remove 25 pine trees from the rear and one side of his property. Mr. Keith said he does not have a definite plan for replacement yet, but plans to have a Grape Arbor, fruit trees, two Willow trees, Olive trees, etc. He said he needs a different kind of vegetation to keep the terrain from washing away. After discussion, Mayor Huguley said that Mr. Keith will have to have an exact plan of how many trees are dead and how many are not; and exactly what will he plant to replace each one that is taken down, and who he plans to have cutting the trees and removing the stumps. Mayor Huguley said he will send him an E-mail, requesting certain information from him concerning his tree removal plans.

FINANCE REPORT: Mr. Phil Betette, with McGregor and Company, presented the Statement of Budgeted and Actual Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the twelve months ending December 31, 2013. After discussion, Mr. Betette said that the final 2013 Audit will be more specific. Mr. Davis said he would like to check with MASC and the State Treasurer to find out how municipalities can legally invest funds.

SPEEDING ON ARCADIA LAKES DRIVE: Mr. Gaudi said that a speed limit sign was supposed to have been placed above the speed display sign on Arcadia Lakes Drive. The sign is not working again, and Mayor Huguley said he will be putting in another surge protector tomorrow. Mr. Gaudi said he wants a written report from the deputy the Town hires, showing the number of tickets he gives out. Mrs. Peggy Smith reported that there are new white speed limit signs of 30 mph on each end of Arcadia Lakes Drive. On the back curve side of the dam, there are yellow 25 mph signs coming from each side. There is also a 20 mph yellow sign near Mr. Gaudi's house and the railroad tracks. The speed limit is 30 mph and the yellow ones are the suggested speeds. Mayor Huguley said that in his research, he found that the Supreme Court did say the yellow warning signs are enforceable. It is a difficult speed to enforce, and is hard to make cases, Mayor Huguley said. Mr. Davis suggested that the speed limit on Arcadia Lakes Drive be put on next month's agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk