

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES

COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2014

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met on August 7th, at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room.

ATTENDING were Mayor Mark Huguley; Mayor Pro tem Don Davis; Council members Present were Peter Chesney, Linda Jackson, and Rusty Onley. Also attending were Town Attorney Charles Cook; Town Clerk Christine Murphy and CAT Deputy Margaret Fisher. Town residents attending were Bernie Gaudi, Steve Brown, Fred Myhrer, and Harriet Smoak. Boy Scout Austin Brown, working on his Communications Badge for Eagle Scout, also attended.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Fisher reported that she would be on duty with the Richland County Sheriff's Department and our CAT representative, until the end of December. Then she will begin her duties as Lexington County Coroner. She reported that Captain Porter had been assigned to Special Events; The new Captain is David Soto; and Lt. Mac McLenden, has been transferred from Region 3, and will be our new Lieutenant. The new Sergeant in our region is Ken Skipper, Deputy Fisher said. There were no car or residence break-ins to report.

JULY MINUTES: Mr. Davis moved that the July minutes be approved as received; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

JEFF SHACKER, Field Services Manager of MASC, reported that there will be an Annual Regional Advocacy meeting on September 23rd at the Municipal Association, for elected and appointed officials. He asked the council members to contact their Legislative Delegation members and invite them for lunch, following the 11:00 discussion. The delegation officials can interact with council members and MASC on some of the local issues.

Mr. Shacker said he would like to share with council, information on their On- Demand Product for Municipal Elected officials training. They are Basic Budgeting, Forms of Municipal Government, and Municipal Economic Development. The telecast is an alternative if you can't make it to the COG, he said.

Mr. Shacker reported that he would recommend that council hold back a reserve fund for Community improvements, and adopting a fund balance policy. Fund balance is the Net between expenditures and revenue, which changes day to day; The Reserve fund would be used for non-recurring expenses, Mr. Shacker said.

Planting Easements, Street Scape Projects, Making shoulder improvements (for signs, etc.) were discussed. Grant Programs for transportation enhancement can be used for street Scape improvements. "C" funds can be used to construct Medians. DOT requires that they administer the projects of the town. Now DOT designs projects, bids the project, and administers construction, Mr. Shacker reported.

WORK SESSION: Mayor Huguley asked Mr. Shacker if he could help facilitate a Council Work Session. He said he loves to facilitate goal setting retreats, which is something they do through the Municipal Association. After discussion, A tentative date was set for Sunday, September 7th from 2:00 'til 5:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room for a council work session.

INVESTMENTS: Councilman Davis reported that the Town has two accounts with NBSC at the Present time, with very little interest. Also, an account with State Investment Fund for \$700,000 with variable rate less than 1%. The NBSC accounts are over the \$250,000 limit to be secured. Mr. Davis said he has been in touch with Richard Linden, Portfolio Manager of Synovus Trust Company, and Fitzhugh King, with NBSC, for options that Municipalities can invest in. They have agreed to come to the office and discuss options for investing. Mr. Davis said he will let council know when they will be available to meet with recommendations.

GARBAGE SERVICE: After discussion and determining that funds were available, Ms. Jackson moved that council pay for the residents' garbage fees for the remainder of this year. (August through December, 2014): Mr. Onley seconded the motion, which was approved.

TOWN PICNIC: Christine reported that the Town picnic date is set with the Tree of Life Congregation For Sunday, October 19th. Council agreed for Lizard's Thicket to cater. Discussion was held about The type music to be furnished. Several local artists will be displaying their work. Ms. Jackson suggested that residents could bring books for a book exchange. Council agreed that was a good idea. Mayor Huguley said he would like for tents to be set up for the artists.

ANIMAL CONTROL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: Attorney Charles Cook recommended that Council adopt the newer Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement that eliminates the "hold harmless" wording. The Licensing of Animals of the Town will be in accordance with the County Ordinance, who will be responsible for maintaining records, receiving payments, and issuing tags. Mr. Huguley moved that council approve the Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement: Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Cook said that after Agreement is signed, It will become an Ordinance, and first reading will be held at the following meeting.

SPEED LIMIT-ARCADIA LAKES DRIVE: Mayor Huguley reported that last month he contacted resident engineer for DOT, and asked if they would look into the possibility and advise us of there being a uniform speed on Arcadia Lakes Drive. They agreed to look into it, but said it could take several weeks.

SPEED SIGN is not working, Mr. Gaudi said. Mayor Huguley said he had asked about moving the speed sign across the road for better view, and was told they would look into it. He said that he had put in a surge protector recently, that has gone out. He said that he and Steve Brown had put a volt meter on the sign, that seems to be registering a little high. Electrician Butch Richardson said he will check it, and if it is high, SCE&G will be responsible for it. Residents will be asked to bring salads or desserts, if they would like.

LAKE SUMMIT MEETING: Mr. Gaudi reported that there will be a Lake Summit Meeting, Sponsored by the Gills Creek Watershed Association, in September. He said that all the Lake committee officials, that are in Gills Creek, will be invited to attend. Mr. John Poe With DHEC, will be there, along with three other speakers, Mr. Gaudi reported.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk