

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2015

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met on Thursday, October 1, 2015 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

ATENDING were Mayor Mark Huguley; Mayor Pro Tem Donald Davis; Council members: Peter Chesney and Linda Jackson. Also attending were Town Attorney Charles Cook; CAT Deputy Chris Mastrianni; and Town Clerk Christine Murphy. Town residents Peggy Smith; Bernie Gaudi; George Geckle, Shelley Smith, and Steve Brown.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Chris Mastrianni reported that he had been off for the past 30 Days (Hawaii on Honeymoon). He said that most home burglaries happen between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM and urged residents to report any suspicious activity or persons acting suspicious. Mrs. Peggy Smith reported that her neighbor's 4-Wheeler Bike had been stolen from his backyard one morning recently. Deputy Mastrianni said that they do security surveys on residents' homes. He said that "Cops" TV show, recently filmed in Columbia, with Deputy Mastranni in six episodes, should be aired here sometime in the next few weeks. Deputy Mastrianni is in six episodes

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Mayor Huguley moved that the September minutes be approved, with changes to banner cost from \$95.00 to \$104.00 per banner. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved.

FINANCES: Mr. Chesney asked if the \$20,000 Beautification budget balance could be carried forward to the 2016 Budget. Mayor Huguley said that if we can balance the budget, leaving him that amount, he would be for rolling un-expended balance forward.

2015 AUDIT: Mayor Huguley reported that the draft of the 2015 Audit has been received from Phil Betette, with McGregor and Company, and distributed to council members for approval. He asked that they study it, and call Mr. Betette if they have any questions. Mayor Huguley said he hoped everything will have been ironed out, and Phil will come to the November meeting.

BEAUTIFICATION: Mr. Chesney reported that the budget for the year for Beautification Committee is \$20,000, that includes flower beds and banners. Twenty-Five banners have been ordered to replace the faded ones that are up there now. One flower bed is being put in now, at the large Town Sign on the corner of Cary Lane and Trenholm Road. Irrigation sprinklers and soakers are now being installed, along with timers and backflows.

The existing street lights are being replaced with LED lights, which will reduce electrical costs, Mr. Chesney reported.

UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS: Mayor Huguley reported that there are old and rusting fences in the town that need to be maintained or taken down, according to the Town's fence ordinance. Also, there are fallen trees on the lot for sale on Cary and Trenholm Road, that need to be removed. The owners have been notified by letter and phone.

ELECTION: Mayor Huguley reported that there will be a Town Election on Tuesday, November 3rd At North Trenholm Baptist Church, to fill two council seats. Incumbent Linda Jackson will be running For one seat, and Michael N. Smith will be a candidate for the second seat. State Law provides for cancellation of the election if there are more candidates than positions, unless someone indicates by deadline tomorrow, that they intend to be a write-in candidate. Mayor Huguley stated that council must decide tonight if that law is optional or mandatory, he said. Town resident George Geckle said he would like to become a write-in candidate, and would apply in writing by the deadline tomorrow. After discussion, Mayor Huguley moved that "Council authorize the conduct of an election on November 3rd for the two vacancies on council, as constitutional, conditioned on any declaring candidate, of completing that declaration in writing at Town Hall by close of business tomorrow." Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

TOWN PICNIC: The Arcadia Lakes Town Picnic will be Sunday, October 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on the grounds of the Tree of Life Temple; (inside if inclement weather.) There will be music, Grammy the Clown, Food catered by Lizard's Thicket, A Book Exchange, and good fellowship. Bring dessert or salad, if you can.

CARBONITE DATA BACKUP: Mayor Huguley reported that the two computers in the office have been backed up by Carbonite. He said that Gayle had gotten a discount for two computers for three years for a total of \$479.00.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP: Mayor Huguley said that a good job was done on the clean-up on Decker and Trenholm Road on Saturday, but had a poor turn out from the Town residents. Forest Lake Presbyterian Church helped with a lot of tree trimming. Alicia and Fred Myhrer and Mark Huguley were the only Town residents working. Thirty-five bags of trash were collected.

HIGHWAY PATROL: Mayor Huguley reported that he had contacted the Highway Patrol, and asked them to spend some time in the Town from time to time for traffic enforcement. They have been seen around Town; some in unmarked cars.

MEMORIAL: After discussion, Mr. Davis moved that the Town send a \$250 donation to the memorial Fund at First Citizens Bank for Gregg Allia, Forest Acres Officer who was killed in the line of duty this week; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

