

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 2016

The Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met Thursday September 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING were Mayor Huguley; Mayor Pro tem Don Davis; Council members: Peter Chesney, Linda Jackson, and Michael Smith. Town Attorney Charles Cook; Town Clerk Christine Murphy; Town residents: George Geckle, Shelley Smith, Harriet Smoak, Peggy Smith, and Bob Moeller.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: CAT Deputy Chris Mastrianni reported that there had been no car burglaries or break ins reported. He said that a Mr. Green had been arrested, who had been working with Brooks Easterling, who had been arrested for at least thirty burglaries that could now total around one hundred burglaries. Fifteen investigators have been working on all the burglary reports over the past ten years, allowing the victims to come forward to identify any of their items. County, City, and Forest Acres are all working together, Deputy Mastrianni reported. The items are on display now at the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

The intersection of Forest Drive and Beltline Blvd. was dedicated to Officer Greg Alia today, Deputy Mastrianni said. Arcadia Lakes Mayor, Mark Huguley, was in attendance, along with a packed court room in Forest Acres.

George Geckle, of 937 Arcadia Lakes Drive, reported that the street lighting is insufficient in his area. He said he had a private light installed in his yard, but the street area is very dark. Mr. Geckle said the Town needs more security, and feels like it is not adequately patrolled. Don Davis said that the street lights that are out near Bernie and George Geckle's houses have been reported, and he would follow up on it, including the one between 907 and 937 Arcadia Lakes Drive.

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

STREET LIGHTS: Mr. Davis said that he had done a survey of Arcadia Lakes Drive area lights that were out on the Arcadia Woods Lake side. He said that he will continue to monitor them. If anyone notices a street light out, get the pole number and report the site to Christine Murphy at 782-2272, he said. Mr. Davis told Peter Chesney to let him know if they need additional lighting in the Cary Lake area.

BEAUTIFICATION: Mr. Chesney reported that the Cary Lane flower bed is now complete. The new banners are up. The new flower bed is starting up on the corner of Arcadia Lakes Drive and Trenholm Road. The footpath has been completed through the flower bed area; a tree has been cut down in the bed area, and a brick retainer wall is being planned for at the flower bed location. Mr. Chesney reported that the \$3,000 grant from Columbia Green has to be spent in 2016. Mr. Chesney said the flower bed will match the one across Trenholm Road, sort of like a gateway to the town. He said the Beautification Committee has only about \$4500.00 in the bank, and \$7000.00 is left to finish the Arcadia Lakes Drive and Trenholm Road flower bed. The water meter has been installed for \$2,800.00. The Contractor will install a battery powered sprinkler and soak system. Two or three loads of dirt is needed, Mr. Chesney reported. He is asking council to approve the extra expenditures with a shortfall of \$3500.00. He said if the project is not completed by the end of the year, Columbia Green money won't be spent, and it will be lost.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKE DAM: Ms. Jackson reported that on September 5th, the Arcadia Woods Lake Association received a check from DOT for \$180,000. A deed from Cockrell Estate for the dam to Arcadia Woods Lake Association was dated May 26, 2016, but wasn't recorded until August 30. Ms. Jackson said she had talked with Attorney Herb Louthian, Lake Association attorney, who said the case was over and done. DOT had made it very clear in court that they had no intention of opening the road, she said. After further discussion, Ms. Jackson said it may end up being a community action effort to make a change.

STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE: Mayor Huguley said that complaints had been received about storm drains in areas of the Town, where drains were covered with debris. If it is a state road, DOT is responsible for cleaning them, and takes them a minimum of 60- days to respond. If it is in the a county, the county is responsible for the drains. If it is an emergency, Mayor Huguley said he would like to have our on-call maintenance person clean them out. Mr. Davis moved that the Town's maintenance person clean the drains out in an emergency; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

TOWN PICNIC: Christine Murphy reported that the Town picnic will be held Sunday, October 9th from 3:00 'til 6:00 pm, at the Tree of Life parking lot (inside if inclement weather). Residents can call the office (782-2272) for reservations. (Come anyway if you forget to call.) Linda said she will take care of lining up the music.

SPECIAL MEETING: Mayor Huguley said that council needed to have a motion for a special Executive Session meeting on September 15th at 4:30 PM, for the purpose of discussing Town litigation matters, and upon returning to open session, council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session. Ms. Jackson moved that council have an Executive Session meeting to be held on September 15th at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall, for the purpose of discussing Town litigation matters; Mayor Huguley seconded the motion, which was approved.

LC PROPERTY ON TWO NOTCH ROAD: Mayor Huguley moved that conditions reported on the commercial property on Two Notch Road and the inspection report, be referred to the Town Attorney for his review and assessment, and coordination with Christine , and Hank Langley, taking whatever appropriate action is necessary. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, and said he would like to be made aware of anything going on with the Light commercial property. Motion was approved.

FLOOD INSURANCE ISSUE: Mayor Huguley shared a letter with council from DNR, pertaining to Special Flood Hazard Areas concerning the house at 6601 Wisteria Lane, and moved that the matter should go to Attorney Cook for his review. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved. Councilman Michael Smith recused himself from voting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk

