

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2016

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

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDING were Mayor Huguley, Council members: Peter Chesney, Linda Jackson and Michael Smith. Also attending were Attorney Charles Cook, Town Clerk Christine Murphy; Town residents: Peggy Smith.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Richland County Deputy Kim Marcus reported a Burglary at 800 Arcadia Lakes Drive on September 16. He reminded residents to lock doors, turn lights on, and report any suspicious person or activities to 911 if emergency, or 576-3000 for non-emergencies. No one should be walking around after 10 PM, and most break-ins occur between 12:00 and 4 :00 AM, he said. Deputy Marcus reminded everyone to keep vehicles locked at all times, and to remove all valuables.

RABID FOX: Mayor Huguley , who found out the hard way by trapping a Rabid fox, that DNR might trap one, or an individual might have to, like He and Sally had to do. Animal Control handles cats and dogs; DHEC is only responsible for testing for rabies, and will not go out and trap them. Town resident Frank Lee had already been bitten by the fox on Cary Lane.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Mayor Huguley asked if there were any corrections or additions to the September minutes. Ms. Jackson said that Officer Alea's name was misspelled. It should be Alia. Mr. Smith said he had seconded the minutes and said that as soon as any action or information is taken on LC property, that it should be dispersed to council members immediately and not wait until the next meeting. Mr. Peter Chesney said that the Beautification figure should be changed to \$4,300, left to finish the job rather than \$1,500.00. The flower bed with ground cover is \$8,000 rather than \$4,800.00. The water meter was installed for \$2,800, which included a battery powered sprinkler. Mr. Smith moved that the minutes be approved, with corrections. Mayor Huguley seconded the motion which was approved.

FIRST CITIZENS RESERVE ACCOUNT: After discussion, Mayor Huguley moved that council approve tonight the addition of his signature and Linda Jackson's signature to the list of persons authorized to sign checks on the First Citizens Account, for the purpose of being able to access the money in an emergency, or otherwise approved by council. Christine is already authorized to sign. It will be a requirement of council for two signatures on each check written on that account. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which was approved. Mr. Smith said the signature cards and resolution need to be ratified at the next meeting .

FINANCIAL: Mr. Chesney said he had reviewed the audit report from McGregor & Company for the Year 2015, and had summarized the figures for the past five years, showing where finances are. He said he had made a break-down of the town's income, which showed that franchise fees should be going up. Mayor Huguley said there had been three exceptional good years in terms of surplus.

DONATION TO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Christine reported that she had received a call from the Sheriff's Department, requesting support of the calendar/poster being made up. For only \$125 Donation, we would get a calendar/poster/ made up with donor's names. Mayor Huguley moved That council contribute \$125.00 donation to the Richland County Sheriff's Department, which was approved.

LC USED CAR LOT :- Attorney Cook said he had visited the AVF Auto Center on Two Notch , and told the owner that the old cars parked at the back fence need to be stored more orderly; Water needs to be drained better towards the street, and the back fence needs to be repaired. Mr. Cook said he asked the owner to present him with a plan, showing that he plans to continue to abide by the light commercial zoning regulations of Arcadia Lakes. Mayor Huguley suggested to Mr. Cook that he draft a letter to AVF Auto Center, over Christine Murphy's signature as Zoning Administrator.

STREET LIGHTING: Street Lighting was deferred, due to Don Davis's absence, who is in charge of Lighting.

BEAUTIFICATION: Mr. Chesney reported that the flower bed on the corner of Trenholm and Arcadia Lakes Drive is in the process of eventually becoming a gateway to Arcadia Lakes, along with the Cary Lane flower bed. He had Daryl Harper take out a small tree, for \$150.00. Mr. Chesney said he plans to have a small retaining wall built around the corner. He presented a flower planting plan from "The Grounds Guys of Columbia." , that will be finalized with Columbia Green, who gave the town a \$3,000 Grant. Mr. Chesney said there is only \$4300.00 left in the Beautification budget, which leaves a shortfall of \$2400.00, if council will allow that to be taken out of the Town's Reserve Fund Reserve Fund. Mayor Huguley said council could form a two person committee to meet with Auditor Phil Betette to look for an appropriate way to handle the addition of a shortfall , based on anticipated charges. When it is determined, council will be notified. If necessary, a special meeting will be held to address the topic, Mayor Huguley said.

CARY LAKE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION : Mr. Chesney reported that the president of Cary Lake Homeowner's Association had received a letter from the Small Business Administration that provides the money from FEMA, stating that Cary Lake had been approved for a loan. Tax notices should come out the end of the month. An additional \$1500 per year should be added to the homeowners' taxes to help pay off the loan. Mr. Chesney said that DHEC, RC Storm Water Department and DOT had accepted that a dam will not be built but an Ogee is acceptable.

TOWN PICNIC: Christine reported that the Town picnic notices have been distributed. It will be Sunday, October 9th from 3:00 'til 6:00, inside if it is raining. Christine said she will be there around 1:00 when the tables, chairs, and tents, if the weather permits, arrive. . Linda Jackson said she had three musicians lined up to play, and said she will be there around 1:00 to help set up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk

