

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2016

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met on Thursday, February 4, 2016 in the Town Hall Conference Chambers.

ATTENDING were Mayor Mark Huguley; Mayor Pro tem Donald Davis; Council Members: Peter Chesney, and Michael Smith. Council member Linda Jackson was unable to attend. Also attending were Town Attorney, Charles Cook; Town Clerk, Christine Murphy; CAT Deputy Chris Mastrianni; Deputies Major Luther, and Lt. McCarty with the Richland County Sheriff's Department, and CAT Deputy Selena Williams. Residents attending were Peggy and Bill Smith, Carolyn Hudson, Steve Brown, and Teresa MacGilvray.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Mastrianni reported that they had reports last month of People walking through Kaminer Station late at night, looking into cars. Two weeks ago, there were approximately 28 car break-ins in region 2. Shortly after that, he said he worked from 8:00 PM 'til 4:00 AM with no reports of car break-ins. A missing child report was called in in the 6800 block of N. Trenholm Road, by the baby sitter of a 3-year old child. After about an hour of searching on January 23<sup>rd</sup> by a group of deputies and dogs, The child was found behind a washing machine and under clothes in the house.

Due to the weather, the "Summit of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing" was postponed until April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 AM at the Medallion Center, 7309 Garners Ferry Road, Deputy Mastrianni reported.

Mayor Huguley said he would like to see an unmarked car assigned to traffic, and some tickets issued. Deputy Mastrianni said that he had issued a couple of tickets to residents not stopping at the sign at intersection of Arcadia Woods Road and Arcadia Lakes Drive.

EROSION ON CSX RAILROAD TRESTLE: Mrs. Peggy Smith asked if council would consider talking or meeting with the Railroad Company concerning their trestle behind Christine Murphy's house at 6626A Arcadia Woods Road. There is huge erosion on the Two Notch Road side of the trestle behind the Commons, and large amount of gravel that has been exposed, Ms. Smith said. A truck load of gravel has already washed into the lake bed from the railroad tracks, Mike Smith said. Discussion was held.

JANUARY MINUTES: Mr. Chesney said that under "Storm Water" in the January minutes, the number of discharges should be seven, rather than several. Mr. Chesney moved that the the January minutes be approved, with correction; Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved with correction.

FINANCIAL LETTER: Mayor Huguley reported that a financial letter from Phil Betette, with McGregor & Company, was put in council members' boxes, covering the period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Discussion was held.

**TRASH COLLECTION CONTRACT UPDATE:** Councilman Smith reported that he and Ms. Jackson had a couple of small word changes to the contract. He suggested that an open Town Hall meeting should be held within the next month, or have open discussion on garbage contract at the next regular council meeting. If anything comes out of that Mr. Smith said, it could be added or changed on the regular contract. Attorney Cook suggested that Ronnie Yandle be invited to the meeting.

**RAIN GARDEN:** Ms. Carolyn Hudson reported that in 2009 an Arcadia Lakes resident obtained A grant from the Richland County Conservation Commission, for Storm water Education and Improvements. The money was used to build a site for a Rain Garden on the Tree of Life property. The Garden has had educational visitors , twice has been recognized by the Richland Appearance Commission, and has been awarded \$2,000 for the best Rain Garden. In 2014 the Tree of Life was given the Neighborhood Community Green Award for having the best Rain Garden around. Because of the wooded slope, a lot of people can't get down to it, Ms. Hudson said. Mayor Huguley said that a handicap accessible path is needed, which could be over \$9,000. After discussion, Mayor Huguley moved that \$1,000 be donated from the Town's Beautification budget as a continuation of the ongoing maintenance for a project that was begun in partnership with the Tree of Life, and in appreciation for their community support, and the use of their facilities. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which was approved. Ms. Hudson said that a letter and the donation should be sent to the Richland County Conservation Commission, with reference to the Matching grant

**BANNERS:** After discussion, Mr. Davis moved that the new Banners be put up around the town. Mayor Huguley seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Chesney said he would see that they are put up soon, and the bill would be paid from the Beautification Funds, that has a balance of \$7,400.

**COURTS OF ARCADIA:** Mayor Huguley reported that there is serious erosion occurring on the Back side of the Courts of Arcadia between the railroad tracks and property, and the fence on top of the 20ft. tall bank, leading up to Courts of Arcadia. He said it appears to him that the erosion was caused by unpermitted tree removal, and something needs to be done to correct the situation. Attorney Cook said it appears that the builder of the house at 136 Sanibel Circle is responsible, and should be put on notice of violation. Mayor Huguley said the Town does have a legitimate claim to enforcing ordinance on tree cutting, and asked Attorney Cook to research it further, with the viewpoint that the Town needs to communicate with the builder.

**EMERGENCY TREE REMOVAL:** The Town had a tree removed at 6723 Formosa Drive that was already disconnected from the base, Mayor Huguley reported. The house was abandoned and is in foreclosure. The bill to recover the cost should be sent to the owner, if found, or to the bank. Attorney Cook agreed to draft a letter to the bank.

FLOOD UPDATE: Mr. Chesney reported that his neighbor has a 60" concrete pipe running between his and his neighbor's property, discharging storm water into Cary Lake. The pipe was paid for by the property owner for \$52,000, when he built his house on the property. Mr. Chesney said he had drafted a letter to Richland County Storm water, and Council member Linda Jackson had contacted Director Ismail Ozbek. A Storm water Representative had been out to look at the problem, to see what liability for storm water discharge on private property that Richland County would have, Mr. Chesney reported.

ARCADIA LAKES BOARD ASSIGNMENTS: Mayor Huguley reported that three Arcadia Lakes Boards have vacancies. After discussion, Mayor Huguley moved that Bob Jackson be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Barbara Williams, who moved out of the town; Alicia De Myhrer, To replace new council member, Mike Smith, on the Planning Commission; Sherry Davis to replace Bob Williams on the Penny Tax Committee. Mr. Chesney seconded the motion, which was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Huguley moved that council go into Executive Session; Councilman Davis seconded the motion, which was approved.

LOT PURCHASE: Coming out of Executive Session, Mayor Huguley moved that council authorized him as mayor, to discuss the acquisition of a piece of property, contiguous to the property currently owned by the Town on Formosa: Mr. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved.

EMERGENCY TREE REMOVAL ON FORMOSA: Mayor Huguley asked council to ratify the emergency removal of the tree at 6723 Formosa Drive that he was authorized to do earlier this month. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Christine Murphy, Town Clerk