

**TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2017**

The Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met Thursday, January 5, 2017 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 temp Don Davis; council members: Peter Chesney, Linda Jackson, and Michael Smith. Also attending were Attorney Charles Cook, and Christine Murphy, Town Clerk. Town residents attending were Bernie Gaudi, George Geckle and Shelley Smith.

MAYOR HUGULEY said there were two missing items on the Agenda when it went out. He moved that the missing items be added to the Agenda. They are a new Computer, and County Election assistance with the Town's November election. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Major Kelvin W. Ashe, and Lt. Chris Duke reported in the absence of CAT Deputy Chris Mastrianni. Mayor Huguley said he had requested Sheriff Lott, or his representative, to attend our meeting tonight, to discuss traffic on Trenholm Road, and traffic and other problems on Two Notch Road near our town borders, that involve shooting, motorcycles, and other issues. Mayor Huguley said the motorcycles race up and down Trenholm Road frequently and run in groups, leaving bars together. Lt. Duke said the next time speeders are seen or heard to report it. Also, Gun shots are heard frequently, he said. After further discussion, Lt. Duke said they will put up a speed trailer the first week; the second week, they will send out a car with radar and ticket book. There is a pending change in their nuisance ordinance, he said.

Mayor Huguley said we will be happy to provide support for any effort the Sheriff's Department is making to improve the nuisance ordinance statute, and while we can't guarantee that some residents might complain about ticket issues, you won't hear any complaints from council.

DECEMBER MINUTES: There were no additions or corrections to the December minutes, which were approved as received.

BUDGET REPORT: Mayor Huguley reported that there was increased revenue from investments. Discussion was held concerning garbage increase. Election costs were left off the Budget.

Mayor Huguley said the deeds have been recorded for the property on the corner of Formosa and Arcadia Lakes Drive. He had a rough draft to memorialize council's appreciation to Marion Burnside for the donation of the property. Michael Smith said he had noticed that someone had been driving onto the lot doing "donuts".

Mayor Huguley reported that former mayor, Jack Boggs, passed away last month. He was well known and vital member of the Community.

TREE PERMITS: Mr. Smith reported that he had only one permit in the past two months, from Gary Cadle on the corner of Trenholm and Arcadia Lakes Drive. Mr. Cadle had asked to remove six trees. Mike said he gave him permission to remove five trees, due to Pine Beetle infestation. Discussion was held.

STREET LIGHTS: Mr. Don Davis reported that he had met with Powell Myers, from SCE&G Lighting Department, with reference to upgrading street lights on Arcadia Lakes Drive, Entrance to Lakecrest Drive and on Sandwood Road.

BEAUTIFICATION: Councilman Chesney reported that he had met with the Beautification Committee concerning plans for a third flower bed, on the corner of Two Notch and Arcadia Lakes Drive (at Mr. Tint's). He said he had met with DOT twice and they had approved the plan for the flower bed. There are ordinances for improving private property in the town. Mr. Chesney said he would like to work with the town attorney on what the town would have to do to exercise the power to enable beautification in certain areas of the town. Also, he would like to see some beautification of the newly acquired property on Formosa and Arcadia Lakes Drive, Mr. Chesney said.

Mayor Huguley said he would like to see focus on Mr. Tint location and the Formosa lot location, and to relocate the Town's entrance sign on the Decker end of N. Trenholm Road, so we would have a nice wooden, lit Town limit sign at the appropriate place.

Also, he said we probably need to draft a letter from council to homeowners backing up to Trenholm Road, where the dilapidated rusting fence is, pointing out their responsibility under the existing ordinances, and giving the property owners a chance to review it.

Mayor Huguley asked council to read Mr. Chesney's recommendations on beautification, and schedule further discussions.

COMPUTER PURCHASE: Mr. Michael Smith said he has been investigating the type of computer needed for the office. Discussion was held on type of computer, recommending Windows 10 as a possibility, with classes at Midlands Tech. Further investigation will be looked into.

ELECTION: Mayor Huguley reported that a letter had been received from Samuel Selph, Director of the Richland County Election Commission, requesting information on our election in November 2017. Mr. Selph said they were working on their calendar for the upcoming year, and wanted to know what services we would need from them, and if we wanted them to conduct the election. Christine was asked to find out what they would charge for conducting the election, if council decided to let them handle it. After further discussion, Mayor Huguley moved that the Town would continue to handle it, as they have in the past. Mr. Chesney seconded the motion, which was approved.

TOWN ELECTION COMMISSION: After an approval vote by council members, Christine was asked to write Wanda Taylor a letter to let her know she had been approved to replace Bob Murphy on the Arcadia Lakes Election Commission, and Mayor Huguley said he would sign it.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk