

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2018

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met in the Town Hall Conference Room at 6:00 PM on May 3, 2018.

ATTENDING were Mayor Mark Huguley: Mayor Pro Tem Linda Jackson: Council Members: Peter Chesney, Jim Cullen, Michael Smith; Town Attorney Charles Cook, and Town Clerk Christine Murphy.

Mayor Huguley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Addy Perez was introduced as our new CAT Deputy to replace Deputy Chris Mastrianni, who has been promoted to Investigation. Deputy Perez's telephone number is 803-636-5261. She said that any suspicious vehicles in the area should be reported with description and tag numbers. Deputy Duke reported that there had been several break-ins at Arcadia Edge Apartments, that included unlocked vehicles and unlocked windows and doors. Deputy Duke reminded everyone to lock doors and windows, as well as vehicles. Mayor Huguley reported that the Town hires an extra duty deputy for daytime hours which will now switch to night-time hours, since the Richland County Code Enforcement Officers patrol during the day to enforce Town and County ordinances. Deputy Perez said if any suspicious vehicles are seen in the Town, to be sure to call 911, get description and license tag numbers and report them to her, or 911. Mayor Huguley said that the Town now has a battery-operated speed display sign on North Trenholm Road. Councilman Cullen reported that the Commons had a dual fence built in front of existing fence at the railroad tracks for additional security, after several break-ins had occurred in the Commons.

The Town's Crime Watch Program Manager, Mike Bowman, e-mails reports on crimes committed in the Town. His e-mail address is schpczar@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL: Discussion was held on the budget, that shows Revenues are up and Expenses are down. Interest from CD's is \$5,734.00, from Money Market at First Citizens and NBSC, which can be expected twice a year, Mr. Chesney said. Discussion was held on the \$4,000 former picnic funds, that need to be held in abeyance, possibly for legal expenses, Mayor Huguley said.

SPIRIT COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Huguley reported that the Legal Counsel for Spirit Communications was unable to attend but plans to come later. Attorney Cook said that the primary Client out of a group of 17 LC's is Verizon. Mr. Cook said he had e-mailed him to send confidentially a small or large contract that he has entered into in South Carolina, so that council would know what their structure is. Mayor Huguley showed pictures of the shoddy work that Spirit had left behind, including dirt thrown between the two fences on North Trenholm Road, that would be difficult to clean out and would go into the lake.

NUISANCE PROPERTIES: Mayor Huguley presented pictures of the condition of the houses at 6625 and 6630 Arcadia Woods Road, showing that nothing has been done to continue their renovation. Code Enforcement posted Warning Notice on unlicensed vehicle at 6632 Arcadia Woods Road.

TOWN ATTORNEY CHARLES COOK, gave notice that he plans to retire July 31, 2018. Mayor Huguley said that Mr. Cook has been an able servant for the Town, and he's very grateful for his service. Because the issue of moving forward with prosecution of numerous violations, the question as to them being taken up by another attorney, was asked by Mr. Huguley. Mr. Cook and Council agreed the matter should be addressed by another attorney.

BEAUTIFICATION: Mr. Chesney reported that the winter Pansies in the flower beds have been replaced with Summer flowers.

APRIL MINUTES : Mayor Huguley said that his meeting cost should be changed from \$70.00 each to \$35.00 each, for a total of \$70.00. Ratifying Agreement with RC Code Enforcement enables Deputies to enforce county ordinances in the Town. Speed Display Sign on Trenholm Road is set to start flashing at 30 mph and stops at 50 mph. It is covered by insurance in case of damage. Mayor Huguley moved that the April minutes be approved, with corrections.

TPAC COMMITTEE: Mr. Larry Funderburk was approved to serve on the Richland County TPAC (Penny Tax) Committee, to replace Sherry Davis.

INSURANCE ISSUES: Mayor Huguley reported that the Insurance Reserve Fund Policy for the Town does not cover Directors and Officers. After Discussion, Councilman Jim Cullen agreed to research coverage with Municipal Association insurance.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Christine reported that only one person has applied for one of the two Positions open for Planning Commission members. Council requested that interest in serving on Town commissions should be made in writing

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Huguley moved that Council go into Executive Session to receive legal advice on pending litigation involving former Mayor Richard Thomas. Ms. Jackson abstained from Executive Session.

Council returned to open Session from Executive Session. Mayor Huguley reported that no action was taken while in Executive Session.

Mayor Huguley moved that Town Council continue paying 2018 legal fees, as submitted to date, for former Mayor Richard Thomas, in the same manner that Council had approved for 2017 legal fees, and to be reimbursed by the Insurance Reserve Fund Prepaid Legal Fee Rider. Mr. Chesney seconded the motion, which was approved.

Mayor Huguley moved that Columbia Attorney Scott Elliott, be invited to attend the next council meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy
Town Clerk

