

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2019

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met in the Town Hall Conference Room on January 3, 2019.

ATTENDING were Mayor Mark Huguley; Mayor Pro tem Linda Jackson; Council members: Peter Chesney, and Michael N. Smith; Town Attorney, Scott Elliott; Town Clerk Christine Murphy, and Town Resident Steve Brown.

The December minutes were approved with corrections.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Perez reported that now that the holidays are over, Crime Reports have slowed down. Remember to ask for property checks from the Sheriff's Department when you leave town, Deputy Perez said. Mayor Huguley told the deputies of a planned development on Arcadia Lakes Drive East where ten houses could be built, and to watch for parking on the streets, which are very narrow.

Complaints have been received about parking on the private roads at the Commons of Arcadia. Deputy Simond said he would speak to the residents about it.

State Law requires that Storm Drains be cleaned out and functioning properly, Mayor Huguley reported.

Councilman Smith reported that he and Town Clerk Christine Murphy, had met with SCE&G Representative Morgan Harrell about Davey Tree Company taking down trees on their power lines. She said that SCE&G will send out notices to homeowners, with the date they will be on their property.

Neighborhood Coordinator for Richland County Town Government Grants, Kina Page, reported That Richland County has matching grants programs for Crime Watch Signs, National Night Out, Safety; matching one to one match in kind up to \$1500.00, and \$10.00 for volunteer hours. Three- day classes for State Department of Public Safety Categories are held, she reported.

FINANCIAL: Ms. Jackson reported that income was up from last year of \$1,980 to this year of \$2,089.00, with no excess funds from 2018.

NEW BUSINESS: One applicant, who was a walk-in, had applied for the Town Clerk's job, Mayor Huguley reported. He said he would like to have a called meeting, with compensation waived, To meet her. He said he would coordinate the time with her and council.

TREE ORDINANCE: A proposed Amendment to Tree Ordinance No. 6-510, "Removal of Cut Trees and Limbs" states "anyone responsible for causing tree to be cut down or trimmed, must remove the tree and all the debris for proper disposal within 30 days from the date the tree was cut or trimmed at their own expense, passed on first Reading on January 3, 2019.

Mayor Huguley reported that the Town has the responsibility of keeping the Storm Drains cleaned out.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS, POLYSTYRENE COOLERS, CONTAINERS AND CUPS ORDINANCE 6-601: Mayor Huguley said if Ordinance was passed tonight, he will deliver it to the Businesses in the Town. After discussion, the Ordinance was passed on first Reading.

Attorney Scott Elliott reported that he had sent letter to Mr. Mark Coleman , owner of property at 6625 Arcadia Woods, stating that he was in violation of Ordinance Section 6-101, and finding the Property to be a public nuisance. He will be given 30 days to determine the improvements necessary to bring the property into compliance, or the Town will act to abate any nuisance. Mr. Coleman responded to Attorney Elliott, requesting 30 days to finish. After discussion, Council directed Town Attorney to allow for an extension, with the understanding that if it is not completed satisfactorily for Council, that the Town Attorney be directed to file an Action in Court on March 2nd, which was approved.

Mayor Huguley moved that council go into Executive Session to discuss hiring of the Town Clerk, and Legal matters pertaining to it. Mr. Chesney seconded the motion, which was approved.

After returning to public session, Mayor Huguley reported that no action was taken while in Executive Session. Mr. Huguley moved that former Mayor Richard Thomas be reimbursed for legal fees in the amount of \$1,726.95, based on invoice. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was approved. Ms. Jackson abstained from voting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Christine Murphy, Town Clerk

