

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on January 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in Room D of the Way Building at 23 N. Polk Avenue. Councilmembers attending were: Heine, Johnson, Goodman, Whitlock, and Fazzino. Also in attendance were: Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman, Marshal Lee, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Ms. Way and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Heine called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Heine presented Mary K. Burns, Director of the Health Department with a proclamation declaring the month of February as "Step Up Florida" to motivate all residents to make healthy choices and strive for healthy lifestyles. Goodman moved to endorse the proclamation; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Marshal Lee reported that the residents thanked the City for cleaning up Louis Anderson Park for the Martin Luther King Celebration noting that it was a very peaceful and well run event.

A report of Police Fines and Forfeitures for the month of December 2005 indicates fines in the amount of \$1,775.72.

Whitlock asked why no funds have been received for radio communications in quite some time. Marshal Lee will check it out; it might be part of the change in the allocation of funds implemented by the State as of July 2005.

The Police Activity Report for the month of December 2005 was presented.

The Flowage report of Air-Cadia, Inc. for the months of November 2005 and December 2005 for the Municipal Airport were presented.

Special Projects Hewett reported that demolition of the storm damaged buildings at the airport has begun.

The Public Works report for the month of December 2005 was presented.

Fazzino inquired about new street signs to which Mr. Hewett replied that the signs have been ordered and will be installed by quadrants beginning with the quadrant requiring the least number of new signs.

Mayor Heine requests that the curbs in the City get trimmed.

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Administrator Strube then addressed Council to recommend approval for Specific Authorization No. 46 with Boyle Engineering Corporation for the William Tyson Wastewater Treatment Plant Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Phase I improvements project providing final design, bidding, and construction be approved. This will put the City in compliance with the consent order from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Fazzone moved to approve Specific Authorization No. 46 with Boyle Engineering Corporation for Wastewater Treatment Plant CDBG Phase I improvements not to exceed \$432,000.00 be approved; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

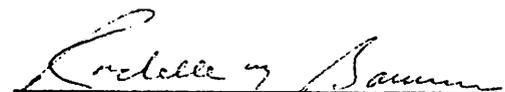
Mayor Heine asked when re-use water would be available. Administrator Strube reported that the plant is still making chemical adjustments and that new filters have been installed. He noted that the City is held to a higher standard in the quality of re-use water since it is applied to public areas such as the golf course and ball fields.

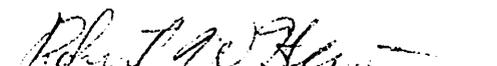
Bill Hackney representing the DeSoto County Housing Authority addressed the Council and gave a handout showing two (2) site plans for the renovation and construction of new housing units to replace units that were destroyed by Hurricane Charley. The Housing Authority plans to do away with the current two (2) story units and build one (1) story units in their place. They are also interested in working out a trade of property with the City whereby the City would receive property near the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was noted that the County Commission may free up some of the grant funds they have received for housing and apply them to the Housing Authority construction project which would keep the Housing Authority from going into debt. No action was taken, Mr. Hackney just wanted to keep the City informed of what the Housing Authority was working on.

Steve Weeks, Grant Coordinator addressed Council seeking authorization to proceed with hiring a firm to update the City's Historic Building Survey. Two (2) proposals were received 1) Historic Property Associates, 2) Janus Research. Mr. Weeks has ranked both firms and recommends seeking a contract with Historic Property Associates. Whitlock moved to authorize Administrator Strube to negotiate a contract with Historic Property Associates and if not successful to then negotiate with Janus Research to up date the City's Historic Building Survey; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Special Projects Coordinator Hewett addressed Council to present a facility lease agreement with the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce to lease City owned property located at 16 South Volusia Avenue for a period of thirty-five (35) years for a fee of \$1.00 per year. Goodman moved to approve the lease with the Chamber of Commerce as presented; seconded by Johnson and carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT