

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, August 6, 2013
6:00 PM

The following minutes¹ reflect action items of the City Council of the City of Arcadia. For a verbatim copy of the minutes you may contact City Administration to obtain a copy of the recorded meeting.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Willie Jones gave the invocation which was followed by Deputy Mayor Heine beginning the Pledge of Allegiance.

Arcadia City Council

Mayor Keith Keene

Deputy Mayor Robert Heine

Councilman Robert R. Allen

Councilwoman Alice Frierson

Councilman Joseph E. Fink

Arcadia City Staff

City Administrator Judi Jankosky

City Attorney Thomas J. Wohl

Planning Specialist Christi Pence

Marshal Matt Anderson

Mayor Keene recognized County Commissioner Buddy Mansfield.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. July 16, 2013 City Council Minutes
2. Check Warrants Reports 07/12/13, 07/17/13, 07/24/13, 7/30/13
3. Tourist and Development Council Report

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Heine to approve consent agenda items 1 through 3 as presented. Attorney Wohl replied that the Minutes of July 16, 2013 contained an error in the last paragraph under Item 6, which reflects the discussions to make annual payments to the County for fire services. The correct year should reflect 2020 rather than 2030. Mrs. Jankosky stated that change would be corrected.

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Heine to approve items 1 through 3 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fink and carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 4. Mutual Aid Agreement

Marshal Anderson discussed the Mutual Aid agreement with Hardee County Sheriff's office. This agreement is for our protection and their protection in case they have to come down to Desoto County. This will help our officers and to the jurisdiction agreement. This will also help serve the Narcotics Investigations and any other. Mayor Keene questioned if the mutual agreement was annually reinstated. Marshal Anderson replied that typically this agreement is executed annually however due to changes made in the Administration regarding former Marshal Charles Lee's resignation.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Heine and seconded by Councilman Fink to approve the Mutual Aid agreement with Hardee County Sheriff's Office as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Item # 5 – Rodeo Weekend Update

Mr. George Chase, President, Friends of Arcadia Airport, reported on an event at the Arcadia Airport consisting of 15 planes for a three day weekend. The event would include camping under the wing, pancake breakfast, potluck dinners and the Rodeo Parade plus attendance to the Rodeo. The Rodeo Association is willing to provide discount tickets. There will be approximately 50 people involved in this event. However Mr. Chase was told by the City Administrator that the Friends of the Airport must provide Rider's Insurance which costs \$700.00. Mr. Chase stated that Friends of the Airport are not financially able to cover this expense. He continued that should this be required in the future, it will severely affect efforts to promote the Airport and other Florida Airports do not require Rider's Insurance. He finalized that the Friends of the Airport may have to go elsewhere.

Mayor Keene questioned what activity is occurring that requires extra Rider's Insurance. Mrs. Jankosky explained that it is an organizational event that the City is not involved in the safety and security plans. It's the additional activities taking place like the pancake breakfast and dinners. The event is not just flying in and out.

Councilwoman Frierson questioned that if the City is going to allow overnight camping after the Airport is on security lockdown would the FFA have something to say about that even if it's within the perimeter of the Airport.

Mr. George Chase explained that Page Field allows overnight camping and they do not require Riders Insurance. He asked if there was any way the City can get involved so they can have this event. Mrs. Jankosky relayed that City Insurance will not cover this event.

Councilman Fink stated that he would like to see everyone work together to make this happen.

Item # 6 – Historical Marker Grant.

Ms. Carol Mahler, Historical Society, was not present. Council spoke briefly on the Historical Marker request. The Proposal is a one sided marker that costs \$1,900.00 and the two sided marker costs is \$2,110.00. The Marker would be placed in the Arcadia Historic District. Councilman Fink suggested the item would be better to discuss following the Budget completion in October. Council Members all agreed.

Item # 7 – Award Lighting Project – Airport.

Ms. Jankosky reported that the City received three bids. Two bids were correctly filled out. The lowest, responsible bid was Owens-Ames & Kimball Company in the amount of \$501,834.70. She added that there were separate additives that were bid as well and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will fund additional additives with 100% reimbursement as well.

A motion was made by Councilman Heine which was seconded by Councilman Fink to approve Bid No. 2013-03 Airport Lighting Project as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Item # 8 – Award Airport Pavement Conditioning and Marking runway Contract.

Mrs. Jankosky reported that this project was awarded to Hi-Light Marking being the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$102,250.00. The project is 100% paid through FDOT. The lowest bid was Highlight Marking the bid amount of \$102,250.00 which include administrative costs.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Heine and seconded by Councilman Fink to approve Bid No. 2013-12 - Airport Pavement and Marking Contract as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Item # 9 – Ordinance No. 990 – Business Tax License Fees.

Mrs. Jankosky explained the changes to Ordinance 990. This Ordinance originally was referred to as an Occupational Tax License which is now Business Tax license which now includes a penalty for delinquency. This Ordinance would allow us to change the fees in Ordinance 990 referenced through Resolution 2013-13.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Heine and seconded by Councilman Fink approve the amended Ordinance 990 at first reading. The motion carried 5-0

Item # 10 – Ordinance 991 – Public Records Requests.

Attorney Wohl explains that this is an Ordinance pertaining to Public Records Requests as per Florida Statutes 119. "Extensive use of time" for Highlands County was 15 minutes to produce public records. Ordinance 991 would allow the City to recoup money for public records copying and staff time. Councilman Fink responds that he believes 30 minutes would be sufficient time to complete a public records request.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor which was seconded by Councilman Fink to approve Ordinance 991 at first reading and setting extensive use of time at 30 minutes. The motion carried 5-0.

Item #11 – Resolution No. 2013-13

Attorney Wohl explained that Resolution 2013-13 establishes fee increases for certain business classifications or types; providing for the amendments to be depicted in a strike through and underlined legislative format in conjunction with Ordinance 990. It is in tonight's packet for information purposes only. It will need to be considered at the second reading of Ordinance 990.

Item # 12

Marshall Matt Anderson included the report for July 2013.

31 arrests

29 accident report

1,100 complaints

Tracie Hobble, Arcadia resident for 10 years supports the Police Department and would volunteer in any way to keep the Police Department running.

Marshall Anderson thanked everyone for their support of the City Police Department.

Council set the next Budget workshop for August 13, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

City Attorney Items:

Item #13a – Prayer Policy

Attorney Wohl explains the Prayer Policy which is similar to the city of Lakeland. Attorney Wohl will return with a proposed Resolution for Council and public feedback.

Mrs. Jankosky reviews Community Events. She would like to have a City sponsored 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month for community events. She noted the example such as the Farmers Market in Punta Gorda. The City would like to close a few streets down like Oak Street and use the parallel parking spaces to rent out to vendors.

Mayor Keene would like to reconstruct Jim Space. He would like the opportunity to look at the project and discuss at a subsequent meeting.

Mrs. Jankosky updated Council on Smith brown gym. The Summer Camp request should be delayed until next year as we only have one week left of summer. She suggested in the meantime reviewing applications to process for the following year.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC
(PLEASE LIMIT PRESENTATION TO FIVE MINUTES)**

Ernest Morgan provided a wide range of community comments.

Dave Matheson commented on concerns regarding the Oak Ridge Cemetery. He lives between Gibson Street and the Corner of Wilson Street. He helps maintain eight (8) plot spaces in the Oak Ridge Cemetery. He requested the log removed from the back entrance of the cemetery so he can mow the eight (8) plot spaces.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Heine and seconded by Councilwoman Frierson to remove the log from the back maintenance area of the Oak Ridge Cemetery. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. George Chase comments that the Airport looks great.

Ms. Valerie Gilchrest commented on the Smith Brown Gym and potential school programs. She commented on the Prayer Policy.

Mr. Carl Whaley spoke in favor of retaining the Police Department.

Ms. Leona Wicks, PD employee, stresses that the Police Department works very hard in every situation.

Mr. Cliff Brown stated that the Police Department is here to serve the City and what would happen to the safety of our schools.

Barbara Efferson states that she believes the City is making a wrong decision regarding the Police Department.

Robert Woods, Sergeant, City Police Department stated he has been a resident in Desoto County for sixteen years and representing the Police Department for eleven years. Please reconsider your decision regarding the Police Department disbandment.

Officer James Vitteli, APD, advised the City Council to reconsider other options.

Mr. Kevin Joens, APD, expressed his concerns for the City and asked Council to think of other ways to make cut backs. He suggested starting fines for arrests, red light cameras, license plate readers all of which could bring income to the City.

Beth Carson expressed her concerns about loosing the City Police Department.

Mike Waller resident of the City is very concerned for the outcome of the Police Department.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS – No Reports

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF Sept., 2013.

By:

Keith Keene

Keith Keene, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christi Pence

Christi D. Pence, Planning Specialist