

REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on January 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending were Fazzone, Dixon, Johnson, Goodman and Heine. Also in attendance: Interim Administrator Fink, Attorney Galvano, Marshall Lee, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Waters, Public Works Supervisor Lewis, Water Plant Supervisor Bullion, Waste Water Plant Supervisor Underwood, and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Fazzone called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Heine.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2009 were adopted on a motion by Johnson; seconded by Heine and carried.

Mayor Fazzone presented Margaret Way with a Key to the City and a Resolution of appreciation for Sixty seven (67) years of service to the City of Arcadia. Councilwoman Goodman moved to adopt Resolution 2009-1; seconded by Heine and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-1**

WHEREAS, Margaret A. Way was first hired by the City of Arcadia as a "temporary employee" in December 1941, and

WHEREAS, Margaret was put on as a "full time" employee on April 1, 1942, and

WHEREAS, Margaret ran for the office of City Recorder in 1959 to which she was elected, and

WHEREAS, Margaret held the elected position of City Recorder until it became an appointed position in 1989, and

WHEREAS, Margaret was appointed as City Recorder in 1989 and held that position until she "resigned" from the position in 2002, and

WHEREAS, Margaret continued her employment with the City as a Special Advisor until her retirement, and

WHEREAS, Margaret retired on December 31, 2008, after Sixty-seven (67) years of continuous loyal service to the Citizens of Arcadia.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida that "Margaret" be highly commended for her devotion, dedication and loyalty to the City and for her completion of Sixty-seven (67) years of service with the City, and

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(Resolution No. 2009-1 Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in appreciation for her years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Arcadia, a key to the City is hereby presented as a universal symbol of lasting friendship and best wishes to "Margaret" for an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ARCADIA, FLORIDA in Regular Session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA

s/s RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC  
RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC  
CITY RECORDER

s/s RICHARD P. FAZZONE  
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MAYOR

Deputy Mayor Dixon complimented Ms. Way on Sixty -seven (67) years of service to the City of Arcadia. He then asked that Ms. Way retain her keys to her former office at City Hall and to visit that office whenever she wanted. Ms. Way declined the offer. Councilman Heine stated Ms. Way was in the process of working on plots in the cemetery and locating available or empty spaces, and asked that she be allowed to continue. Deputy Mayor Dixon moved to allow Ms. Way to keep her keys to City Hall and to be able to continue her work on cemetery issues on a volunteer basis; seconded by Heine and carried.

Mayor Fazzone presented Edward J. Strube a Key to the City and a Resolution of appreciation for Twenty-six (26) years of service to the City of Arcadia. Councilwoman Goodman moved to adopt Resolution 2009-2; seconded by Heine and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-2**

WHEREAS, Edward J. Strube was hired by the City Council as City Administrator on June 21, 1982, and

WHEREAS, Ed was the City Administrator during its "darkest hour" when on August 13, 2004 the City was severely damaged by Hurricane Charley, and

WHEREAS, Ed's leadership and direction helped to guide the City during the rebuilding of the City, and

WHEREAS, Ed has faithfully served the citizens of Arcadia as City Administrator until his retirement, and

WHEREAS, Ed retired on December 31, 2008, after Twenty-six (26) years of loyal service to the Citizens of Arcadia.

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(Resolution No. 2009-2 Continued)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida that "Ed" be highly commended for his devotion, and dedication to the City and for his completion of Twenty-six (26) years of service with the City, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in appreciation for his years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Arcadia, a key to the City is hereby presented as a universal symbol of lasting friendship and best wishes to "Ed" for an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement.

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 MAYOR

Kim Spencer, President of the Arcadia Main Street Program, addressed the Council for permission to close streets downtown for Watermelon Festival on May 16, 2009 and Fall Festival on October 31, 2009. Marshal Lee is aware of the request and does not have a problem with it. Heine moved to grant the request to close streets downtown on May 16, 2009 for the Watermelon Festival and on October 31, 2009 for the Fall Festival; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

Mr. Jim De Mauro, Local President American Postal Workers Union addressed the Council with a request for the Council to write letters of encouragement to Congressman Vern Buchanan and the Director of the United States Postal Service in opposition to the relocation of mail processing operations from Manasota to Tampa. This relocation would affect 300 employees in the Manasota area and could slow down mail delivery to the City of Arcadia. Heine moved to grant the request that letters of support be prepared for all Council members to sign; seconded by Goodman and carried.

An invitation by letter from Ronald Neads, Parade Director and Jackie Tucker, Parade Chairman for the Council to participate in the March Rodeo Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2009 was presented. No action was taken.

Glenn H. Prescott, Fire Chief for DeSoto County Fire Rescue addressed the Council to discuss the possibility of demolishing dilapidated buildings within the City limits in an effort to decrease ratings imposed by the Insurance Service Office. Fire Chief Prescott advised the Council that the highest liability to the City was that of the Arcadia Livestock Market. Recorder Baumann read to the Council a Quick Claim Deed to the City of Arcadia from Charles Bronson, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Florida,

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which was dated December 6, 2006 which returned ownership of the Livestock Market back to the City. This property was returned to the City of Arcadia as a result of a reverter clause in the original deed. Councilman Heine noted that there is a State office currently using the site and asked if the City has or could receive rent. Councilwoman Goodman asked Chief Prescott what he suggests should be done in order to reduce this liability. Chief Prescott would like to see the old wooden structure demolished. He stated that if it was pushed and piled up there is a possibility it could be burnt. He stated the newer part could be used and was not a liability. Councilwoman Goodman moved to turn the matter over to Attorney Galvano to review the status of the live stock market; seconded by Heine and carried.

A request by letter, from Jeffery R. Griffis, Chairman, DeSoto County Democratic Executive Committee to use McSwain Park for a fund raiser Bar-B-Que from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on March 27, 2009 was presented. Deputy Mayor Dixon moved to grant the request; seconded by Goodman and carried.

The Fines and Forfeitures Report for the month of December, 2008 in the amount of \$1,486.51 was presented.

Marshall Lee addressed the Council and reported that the Code Enforcement Officer has a back log of issues that need to go before the Special Master; however at this time the City does not have a Special Master. Heine moved to re- advertise for a Special Master; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

City Recorder Baumann asked the Council to re-appoint three (3) members to the Arcadia Housing Authority Board for a four (4) year term. Heine moved to re-appoint Howard Foster, William Hackney, and Effie Keen to serve on the Arcadia Housing Authority Board, said four (4) year term will expire December 31, 2012; seconded by Goodman and carried.

The Recorder's report of Revenues and Expenditures thought December 31, 2008 was presented.

Interim Administrator Fink addressed the Council and presented two (2) bids for re-roofing Fire Station No. 2 (City Hall) and requested direction on how the Council wanted to proceed. There was some discussion regarding the difference between the two (2) bids and which bid must be accepted. Assistant Attorney Hensbest stated the ability to accept a bid depends on how the bid was advertised and on the State Statue and the City Ordinance addressing these procedures. Usually if you issue an invitation to bid and the bids are opened then the lowest bidder is awarded the bid. Interim Administrator Fink stated the bids were not consistent as per specifications. Attorney Galvano stated there needs to be consistency in bidding with everyone bidding using the same specifications. Deputy Mayor Dixon moved to have Attorney Galvano do the necessary review and to re-advertize the project; seconded by Goodman and carried.

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Interim Administrator Fink reported that a Legislative Delegation Meeting will be held on January 23, 2009 at 1:30 p.m at the DeSoto County Courthouse. He suggested that as many Council members as possible should attend this meeting. He also reported that Congressman Vern Buchanan will be at the South County Annex in Venice on January 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. and he would like permission to attend. Heine moved to authorize Interim Administrator Fink to attend the meeting with Congressman Buchanan in Venice and that all Council members try to attend the meeting at the DeSoto County Courthouse; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried. Councilwoman Goodman requests that a reminder be sent to all Council members of these events and dates.

The Airport Report for the month of December, 2008 was presented.

The Golf Course Report for the month of December, 2008 was presented.

The Public Works Report for the month of December, 2008 was presented.

Steve Underwood, Supervisor of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) who also oversees traffic lights addressed the Council. Mr. Underwood reported that with the assistance of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Florida Power and Light (FPL) he recently changed all traffic lights to LED bulbs. The change to LED bulbs has reduced the monthly electric bill from \$1,581.11 to \$204.58 which is a savings of \$1,376.53 per month and an annual savings of \$16,518.36. Mr. Underwood then informed the Council that since a press was installed at the WWTP he estimates that the City will save \$65,087.98 a year in sludge hauling fees. The Council thanked Mr. Underwood for the excellent work and savings to the City.

Fred Lewis, Systems Supervisor addressed the Council and gave a report on the status of the Sanitary Sewer Resin Injected Cured in Pipe (RICIPP) Rehabilitation project. He reported that a total of 5,767 feet has been done and that the project should be completed by Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

Interim Administrator Fink stated that the Systems staff is to be commended for their speedy repair of a main water line this week. It resulted in only twenty (20) "boil water" notices needing to be given.

Larry Bullion, Supervisor of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) addressed the Council and gave a report on the installation and operation of the new in ground water tank. He reported that Twenty Four Thousand (24,000) gallons of water per minute are being pumped. Interim Administrator Fink reported that the bacterial levels report came back fine.

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Mr. Keith Keene, representing the DeSoto County Health Department, addressed the Council and thanked Mr. Lewis for the speedy repair on the main water line break. He then expressed his concern regarding the parking area used by the Health Department. He stated there is a lot of through traffic and he suggested that a fence be put in place. He also requested a speed limit sign be put on Baldwin and a "No Outlet" sign as well. Marshall Lee reported that the signs have been ordered and would be installed next week.

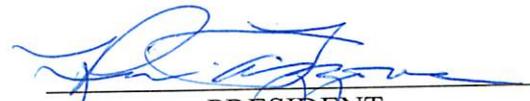
Mayor Fazzone complimented all Department Heads for attending the Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Goodman stated that she was elated with the Inauguration of President Obama today noting that this is a historic day in the life of our Country. She was pleased to see all Department Heads in attendance and stated that she enjoys Interim Administrator Fink's weekly report.

Councilman Johnson asked Recorder Baumann about the position vacated by the retirement of Ms. Way and he suggested that she begin advertising soon.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
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PRESIDENT