

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on December 7, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Room D of the Way Building at 23 N. Polk Avenue. Councilmembers attending were: Whitlock, Heine, Fazzone, Johnson and Goodman. Also in attendance were: Administrator Strube, City Attorney Holloman, City Fire Chief Rutherford, Assistant Fire Chief Wells, City Marshal Lee, Police Captain Anderson, Public Works Supervisor Reed, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Waters, Grants Coordinator Weeks, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Ms. Way and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Whitlock called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Regular meeting of November 2, 2004 were adopted on motion of Goodman; seconded by Johnson and carried.

The minutes of the Special meeting of November 9, 2004 were adopted on motion of Johnson; seconded by Goodman and carried.

Proposed Ordinance No. 914 was presented on second reading. Johnson moved to waive the rules and read the proposed ordinance by title only; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 914

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPALITY COROPORATION, ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS, APPROXIMATELY 2.2 ACRES, IN SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LOCATED ON EAST GIBSON STREET INTO THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS OF SAID CITY, UPON THE PETITION OF THE OWNER OF SAID LANDS; PROVIDING FOR REDEFINING OF BOUNDARY LINES OF SAID CITY TO INCLUDE SAID LANDS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF SAID ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF SAID ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR A MAP SHOWING THE ANNEXED AREA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Fazzone then moved to approve Ordinance No. 914 on second reading; seconded by Heine. Mayor Whitlock called for comments from the public, there were none. The motion carried on roll call vote. Ayes: Heine, Fazzone, Goodman, Johnson, and Whitlock. Nays: None.

Mr. Terry Wentzel of DKS Associates addressed Council to review the Federal Functional Classification System for Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) Roads.

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Mr. Wentzel stated that his firm has been retained by DOT. After the census is completed DOT reviews the classification of roads based on the Federal Functional Classification System. Mr. Wentzel noted that the "signed" map needs to be in by January 2005. Most of the classifications have not changed from what they were ten (10) years ago. Several problems were noted such as the map showing a connection on Wilson to Oak Ridge then to Johnson, this would require you to travel through Oak Ridge Cemetery. Hargrave was spelled as Hargrove and it is now Martin Luther King Blvd. Administrator Strube asked if the classification of the roads would transfer any roadway from one entity to another and was informed that it would not. Mr. Wentzel will get with Special Projects Coordinator Hewett to review all necessary changes to the proposed map. Fazzone moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the map subject to review and approval by the City Administrator of all necessary corrections; seconded by Heine and carried.

The Police Activity Report for the month of November 2004 was presented.

Administrator Strube reported that FPL informed him that they have corrected all known street light issues and are now back to using the report provided by the Police Department. Council then reported several lights that are still not working. Administrator Strube made a list and will report them to FPL. It was noted that DOT is waiting on funding before beginning repair work to street lights on SR 17; it could be May 2005 before they are fixed.

The Public Works report for the month of October 2004 was presented.

Heine asked Public Works Supervisor Reed if the street sweeper was working and was informed that at this time we do not have anyone who can operate it. It was also noted that large debris need to be removed from the street before using the sweeper.

The November 2004 Mobile Home Park report was presented.

Steve Weeks, Grants Coordinator addressed Council requesting review and acceptance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs Policies and Procedures Manual. The manual as presented conforms to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) guidelines. Goodman moved to accept the Community Development Block Grant Programs Policies and Procedures Manual as presented; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Mr. Weeks then reported that Trinity Methodist Church has been approved by the state to be the contractor of record for CDBG housing assistance. He requests that Council enter into an agreement with Trinity Methodist Church to provide a Class C or better licensed contractor and labor to work on CDBG homes. Mr. Weeks stated that normal construction cost using a contractor and paying for labor are about \$75.00 per square foot. He estimates that utilizing the church group the costs will be about \$40.00 per square foot. The cost savings will allow the City to assist twice as many home owners as

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originally projected. Fazzone moved to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign all required documents necessary to enter into an agreement with Trinity Methodist Church to provide a Class C or better licensed contractor and labor to work on CDBG homes; seconded by Goodman and carried.

It was noted that FEMA will not pay for homes to be moved to the curb to be hauled away. They will pay for storm related debris only.

Steve Weeks acting as Grant Coordinator then addressed Council to request permission to apply for a Historic Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00. This is a 100% grant with no matching requirement from the City. The purpose of the grant is to list all additional historic properties that were not on the City's previous list. A master plan of design for the historic area will then be created. Fazzone moved to authorize Steve to apply for a Historic Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign all required documents; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Mr. Weeks then requested permission to apply for a grant with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation in the amount of \$500,000.00. This would be a "Home Again" grant under the Disaster Relief Home Assistance Program. It would operate similar to a CDBG grant. Johnson moved to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to sign all required documents to apply for a grant with the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; seconded by Goodman and carried.

Mr. Weeks stated that he and Administrator Strube are being very aggressive in pursuing every angle to seek grant funds for the City.

The November 2004 report of Arcadia Golf Course receipts and number of play was presented. It was noted that Golf Course revenues are up.

There will be a Legislative Meeting Thursday, December 9, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. in the County Commission Meeting Room.

Attorney Holloman introduced Ms. Melissa Sanders who is the new Disaster Assistance Coordinator for Arcadia and DeSoto County.

Kathy Miller representing Teen Court invited Council to attend a "mock" trial on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at 5:30 P.M. in the County Court Room.

Administrator Strube reported that he will be making a presentation at the Legislative Meeting regarding the City's needs.

Administrator Strube then stated that earlier today he met with County Utilities Director Jody Kirkland to review water and wastewater issues in order to help get water issues addressed at the state level. The City will support the County's requests to the state and the County will support the City's request to the state.

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Goodman thanked everyone who helped unload and distribute food donated by the City of Homestead. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church was the distribution center and the food was given to families in need for Thanksgiving.

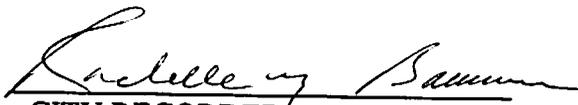
Johnson reported that the Ridge League of Cities Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2004.

Fazzone asked about the FEMA meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening. Administrator Strube stated that FEMA will present the final Long Term Recovery Plan to the Council. All Council Members are requested to attend; the City will convene a special meeting at the FEMA meeting.

Heine asked if the City has received any funds from FEMA yet and was informed that no funds have been received.

Mayor Whitlock stated that Mr. Derek Dunn-Rankin has requested a representative from the Council to serve on the Tri-County Agency Board. At his request Goodman moved to appoint Richard P. Fazzone to serve as the Council's representative on the Tri-County Agency Board; seconded by Johnson and carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT