

## REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2004

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

Mayor Fazzone called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Lorenzo Dixon.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Regular meeting and Joint Public Hearings of December 2, 2003 were adopted on motion of Johnson; seconded by Heine and carried.

Attorney Holloman stated that proposed ordinance No. 908 is of a quasi-judicial matter and asked if anyone had anything to report from the last meeting. No one had anything to report.

Proposed Ordinance No. 908 was presented on second reading. Whitlock moved to waive the rules and read the proposed ordinance by title only; seconded by Goodman and carried.

## ORDINANCE NO. 908

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, TO REZONE LOTS 1 THROUGH 5 AND FRACTIONAL LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11, BLOCK F SOUTH OF STATE ROAD 70, R.A. MILLS ADDITION TO ARCADIA, FLORIDA AS RECORDED IN PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, FROM MULTIPLE DWELLING R-3 DISTRICT TO RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS RPB DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Johnson then moved to approve Ordinance No. 908 on second reading; seconded by Whitlock. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the public, there were none. The motion carried on roll call vote. Ayes: Heine, Whitlock, Johnson, Goodman and Fazzone. Nays: None.

Mayor Fazzone presented Harvey Sweeting with a Certificate of Appreciation for twenty years of service with the Fire Department along with a check.

The Police Activity Report for the month of December 2003 was presented.

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Councilman Heine asked that Code Enforcement check out a home located at the corner of Imogene and Polk. Police Captain Anderson stated that they have been to the residence.

The December 2003 report of Arcadia Golf Course receipts and number of play was presented. Mayor Fazzone reported that for three (3) weeks in December only 9 holes were available for play as work was being done to the greens on the other 9 holes.

The December 2003 Mobile Home Park report was presented. There was discussion regarding a mobile home that the City owns. It is an older unit and can not be moved to a different location/park due to restrictions in other areas. It was noted that the City may have to remove several more units in the future as they are no longer serviceable or desirable. Once they are removed the space will become an RV rental space. The intention of the Florida Mobile Home Act was to do away with the old trailer parks and convert them into RV Parks. Attorney Holloman recommends that if an owner of an older unit wants to donate it to the City the City should accept them.

Arcadia's vision of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century was discussed. Mayor Fazzone stated that he can not envision not having a "City of Arcadia" as was proposed in the DeSoto Vision Plan. Councilman Johnson stated that he has lived in the City since 1967 and he wants to see the City continue. Councilman Whitlock would like to hold a workshop to discuss what could and should happen in the next fifty (50) years. Councilman Heine believes that there will always be a "City of Arcadia" and stated that there has been great improvement in the last ten (10) years, noting that Council is very supportive of new businesses. Councilman Heine asked if the old street lights were going to be removed and was informed that the lights on Oak may be removed, however some on the side streets may still need to remain in place. Hank Swindell addressed the Council stating that he was involved with the DeSoto Vision and that he was very disappointed by the lack of community participation. Mr. Swindell is not in favor of abolishing the City, he said the main thrust for abolishing the City came from the residents of Lake Suzzie. Mr. Swindell believes that the housing and education plans are worthy of consideration.

Mr. Bill Minnear, President of Air-Cadia, Inc. addressed Council to report that the new security gate has been installed and the new key pad will be installed and working soon. Mr. Minnear will give all necessary departments such as the Fire, Police and Sheriff the security code for the gate.

Martha Craven inquired about the City parking lot located on the South side of the Silver Spur Lounge noting that she received two (2) estimates for paving this lot while she was getting estimates to pave her own lot. Heine moved to approve the paving of the parking lot and alley located to the South side of the Silver Spur Lounge; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

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Councilman Heine asked if the Department of Transportation (DOT) would be paying for damage to curbs etc. and was informed that Public Works Superintendent Reed has nineteen (19) areas of concern through out the City that he will be discussing with DOT next week.

Kathy Gamiotea asked what the cost was to move a mobile home and was informed by Attorney Holloman that the \$3,500.00 was to have a licensed mobile home dealer move the unit and put it in storage. The City did not need to have the unit moved or put in storage as the City took over ownership by way of foreclosure.

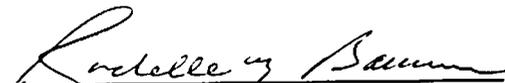
Special Projects Coordinator Hewett reported that the Lake Katherine sidewalk dedication might be scheduled for some time in February.

Councilwoman Goodman requests that all railroad crossings from Pine Street on be inspected. Administrator Strube stated that the City can not repair the tracks they must be done by the railroad company. He will get with the railroad company, the City will do repairs up to the point that they can.

Councilwoman Goodman then complemented the Police Department for their patrolling of Louis Anderson Park.

Councilman Johnson reported that he will be attending the Executive Board Meeting for the Ridge League of Cities on January 8, 2004.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
CITY RECORDER

  
PRESIDENT