

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 2, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on March 2, 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, City Fire Chief Rutherford, City Police Officer Evens, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Ms. Way and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Fazzone called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Goodman.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A request from Mr. William E. Baldy was temporarily tabled as Mr. Baldy was not in attendance.

It was noted that Marshal Lee is out of town on City business.

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

The Recorder's report of Revenues and Expenditures for the month of January 2004 was presented.

Administrator Strube addressed Council to report that he received a letter from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) informing the City that the Fiscal Year 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application was approved and the City has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$700,000.00 to be used for housing repair. Goodman moved to authorize the mayor to sign the grant agreement for \$700,000.00 in CDBG housing repair funds; seconded by Johnson and carried. Council then thanked Administrator Strube for pursuing all avenues of recourse in order to get these funds awarded to the City.

Administrator Strube then addressed the Council regarding a proposed Planning Advisory Services Agreement in the amount of \$26,000.00 with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) to prepare updates to the City's comprehensive plan. Whitlock moved to approve a Planning Advisory Services Agreement with Central Florida Regional Planning Council in the amount of \$26,000.00; seconded by Heine and carried.

The January 2004 Public Works report was presented.

The February 2004 report of Arcadia Golf Course receipts and number of play was presented.

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There was discussion regarding potholes on Whidden, Pine and Hernando. Council Member Johnson stated that he would like to review the City's road repair schedule at least twice a year. It was noted that the City will have a contractor pave ten (10) railroad crossings at a cost of approximately \$2,300.00 each.

A resident from the City Mobile Home Park stated that Palm Drive is in very bad shape. Mayor Fazzone reported that $\frac{1}{2}$ of the road is in the City and $\frac{1}{2}$ in the County; he will have staff check it out.

Tim Backer, Volunteer Fire Chief addressed Council to report that the Volunteers will hold their Annual Volunteer Firefighters Golf Tournament on March 19, 2004. Last year they purchased bunker gear with the funds raised. City Fire Chief Rutherford then requested that Council waive the greens fees for the tournament. Whitlock moved to waive the greens fees for the Annual Volunteer Firefighters Golf Tournament; seconded by Goodman and carried.

Mr. Backer then gave a demonstration on a Heat Sensor Unit which was purchased for the Fire Department by the Volunteers at a cost of \$13,500.00.

Mr. Burt Daly inquired when Code Enforcement would be cleaning up Polk Avenue of the excess tires, trash etc. Council Member Whitlock asked what could be done after someone is fined for a code violation if they do not pay the fine and was informed that the only recourse the City has is to place a lien on the property. Attorney Holloman reported that he and Administrator Strube are working on the paperwork to have a Special Master to hear all City code violation cases. Mayor Fazzone asked members of the audience to be patient as the Code Enforcement Officer works his way through town.

There was a complaint about the size of a Spanish flag as opposed to the US flag to which Attorney Holloman stated that the City and Code Enforcement have no jurisdiction on this type of situation.

Mr. Glen Kus inquired as to the status of the two (2) letters he submitted to Council at their last meeting. Administrator Strube reported that hanger inspections have recently been completed and there are several issues that will be addressed in letters to the other tenants, noting that he wants to be consistent in what is being sent to all tenants.

A request, tabled earlier in the meeting regarding Mr. William Baldy, owner of Peace River Cab was now addressed as Mr. Baldy had arrived. Mr. Baldy is requesting an extension of time to pave his parking lot. He has a two (2) year lease on the building and would like to get with the landlord to see what he can work out regarding this improvement. Mr. Baldy stated that he has contacted several companies for price quotes,

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however he has yet to get any firm estimates. Goodman moved to grant Mr. William Baldy, Peace River Cab a thirty (30) day extension to allow Mr. Baldy to get back with Council to determine the exact length of time he would be requesting for a waiver of the paved parking requirement; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

Administrator Strube reported that the Administrator's Office, Recorder's Office, and Water Collections Department will be relocated to the Way Building by Friday in order to allow the renovation of City Hall to begin. The City has received and will match a State Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 to implement Phase One renovation of City Hall.

Council Member Johnson reported that the Ridge League of Cities dinner will be on March 11, 2004 and that during the dinner the League will determine how many buses will be needed to go to Tallahassee for Legislative Day. He then reported that he will leave this Thursday to attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC.

Mayor Fazzone reported that he did attend the ceremony and presented Coach Richard Bowers with the proclamation Council had previously authorized.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT