

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on November 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in Room D of the Way Building at 23 N. Polk Avenue. Councilmembers attending were: Whitlock, Fazzino, Heine, and Goodman. Absent: Council Member Johnson was out of town, Fire Chief Rutherford had a death in family and Ms. Way was ill. Planning and Zoning Board Members in attendance: Summers, Fain, Smith and Sawyer. Also in attendance were: Administrator Strube, City Attorney Holloman, City Police Officer Evans, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Public Works Supervisor Reed and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Whitlock called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Goodman.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Regular meeting of October 5, 2004 were adopted on motion of Heine; seconded by Goodman and carried.

Heine moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-28. seconded by Fazzino and Carried.

RESOLUTIONS 2004-28**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DESOTO COUNTY
LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN**

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, assigns to the Board of County Commissioners responsibility for disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, DeSoto County and the City of Arcadia are subject to natural and man-made hazards including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, freezes, droughts, fires and chemical releases and faces potential damage to life, property, natural resources and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, The DeSoto County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 9G-6, Florida Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, these plans establish a framework through which DeSoto County may realistically prevent or mitigate the impacts of, prepare for, effectively respond to, and recover from a wide variety of emergencies which may or do occur either naturally or as a result of manmade causes; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group consists of employees and community members of DeSoto County and the City of Arcadia and is open for participation to any and all interested parties, and is chaired by the DeSoto County Director of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group has identified local hazards and has assessed county-wide vulnerability and risk to these hazards; and

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WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group has identified and prioritized mitigation initiatives that would reduce local vulnerability to these hazards; and

WHEREAS, initiatives identified on the Local Mitigation Strategy Initiatives List are given more consideration by state-managed funding programs such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Trust Fund, Communities Trust, Community Development Block Grant, Coastal Partnerships Initiative, Florida Communities Trust Fund, HOME and many others; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy can serve as the Flood Mitigation Plan as required of all communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and seeking project funding from the Flood Mitigation Assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy is designed to be a process-oriented document with review and revision policies that allow the Local Mitigation Strategy to be changed to meet new or changing conditions including hazard-event frequency, perceived local needs and funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the DeSoto County Local Mitigation Strategy plan has been reviewed by the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Emergency Management, and FEMA, and determined to be in compliance with the criteria for such plans contained in 44CFR 201-6(b)-(d); and

WHEREAS, Rule Chapter 9G-6, Florida Administrative Code, requires adoption by the governing body of participating jurisdictions of the DeSoto County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan prior to receiving Federal and State approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Arcadia City Council hereby adopts the DeSoto County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy Plan as the formal guide for the City of Arcadia's hazard mitigation activities.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of November, 2004.

/s/ PAUL P. WHITLOCK
PAUL P. WHITLOCK
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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

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Mayor Whitlock presented Planning and Zoning Chairman Russ Summers with a clock containing an inscription thanking Mr. Summers for his twenty years of volunteer service on the Planning and Zoning Board from 1984 to 2004. Heine moved to endorse this action; seconded by Goodman and carried. Mr. George K. Smith a member of the Planning and Zoning Board stated that he appreciates the job Russ does as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board and he is glad to see him receive this recognition. Mr. Summers then thanked the Council for his award.

Ms. Libby Marshal representing Hospice addressed Council to request the closure of Volusia Street in front of McSwain Park on Saturday, November 20, 2004 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P. M.. Hospice will hold a "Hometown Picnic" with free food and games for families of DeSoto County. Fazzone moved to grant the request with the approval of Marshal Lee to close Volusia Street in front of McSwain Park on November 20, 2004 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. seconded by Goodman and carried.

Tara Anderson, Parks and Recreation Coordinator addressed Council stating that she would like to see the Little League Ball Fields 1, 2, and 3 ready for play by February 2005. Ms. Anderson noted that based on the FEMA estimate it will take about \$4,200.00 to repair these ball fields. She noted that Eagle Fence is willing to bill the City at a latter date for fence repair work if necessary. Robyn Johnson, President of the DeSoto County Youth Athletic Association (DCYAA) stated that his organization is willing to do what ever they can to assist in getting the ball fields repaired and ready for play. Tara would like to begin work by December 1, 2004. She noted that Story Book Park and the tennis courts would also need to be repaired as kids use these facilities while the ball games are being played. Administrator Strube recommends that the City seek interim financing in order to begin repairs. He stated that the City can not wait until all of the FEMA Project Work Sheets are completed before we apply for a loan with the Florida League of Cities. Administrator Strube suggests that the City apply for a loan now, and then pay it off when all of the Project Work Sheets are bundled into one larger loan. He estimates that it will take about \$65,000.00 to repair all of the ball fields. Fazzone asked about Walt Brewer Foundation Funds and was informed that the deadline for a Public Hearing is November 12, 2004 and that the City does not have enough time to apply for this type of funding. Administrator Strube noted that both of the Parks and Recreation Project Worksheets are considered "large projects" as they are over \$54,000.00 which is why the City will not be reimbursed from FEMA until the projects are completed. FEMA wrote up the Project Work Sheets which combined several parks together. Heine moved to authorize the City Administrator to seek a line of credit in order to begin repairing the City Ball Fields; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

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

The October 2004 Mobile Home Park report was presented.

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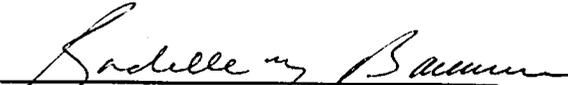
Russ Summers asked if Grubbs would be picking up debris in the alleyways to which Administrator Strube stated that he sent a letter to Grubbs instructing them to pick up debris located in/on alleyways and right-of-ways. Grubbs has informed the City that at this time they do not have any subcontractors who have the proper equipment to pick up the larger tree trunks or stumps.

Attorney Holloman stated that as of November 16, 2004 there will be a vacancy on the Council as Council Member Fazzone had resigned to run for a seat on the County Commission. Attorney Holloman noted that the Council has two (2) meetings to appoint a replacement for Mr. Fazzone's seat or to reappoint Mr. Fazzone to fill out his term on the Council. Council Member Fazzone stated that he would like to stay on the Council and hopes that he will be considered. Attorney Holloman stated that there is nothing in the Florida Statutes that would prohibit the Council from re-appointing or not re-appointing a Board Member.

Heine asked about the street lights on US 17 stating that a complete row appears to be out. Administrator Strube will get with Steve Underwood regarding this issue.

Mayor Whitlock noted that he received a letter regarding the Legislative Meeting to be held on December 9, 2004. The City will again attempt to get grant funding for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT