

## REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on October 5, 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 Police Officer Evans, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Ms. Way and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Fazzone called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Whitlock.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the Regular meeting of September 7, 2004 were adopted on motion of Heine; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

Whitlock moved to endorse a Proclamation in Appreciation to DeSoto County Public Health Director, Dow Toews which Mayor Fazzone requested be presented as one of his last official acts; seconded by Johnson and carried. Dr. Toews was out of town, the actual presentation will take place at a later date.

Mayor Fazzone then presented a Proclamation to Devin Garland Lawrence congratulating him on his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Goodman moved to endorse this action; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Johnson moved that Councilman Whitlock be appointed Mayor; seconded by Goodman and carried. This action was formalized by Resolution No. 2004-26 as follows.

Johnson then moved that Councilman Heine be appointed as Deputy Mayor; seconded by Fazzone and carried. This action was also formalized by Resolution No. 2004-26 as follows:

## RESOLUTIONS 2004-26

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAYOR, DEPUTY  
MAYOR AND PRESIDING OFFICERS: SETTING  
TERM OF OFFICE.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ARCADIA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That City Councilmember PAUL P. WHITLOCK be and he is hereby appointed to the Office of Mayor of the City of Arcadia, Florida and Presiding Officer of City Council.

SECTION 2. That City Councilmember ROBERT W. HEINE be and he is hereby appointed to the Office of Mayor of the City of Arcadia, Florida and Presiding Officer of City Council.

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(Resolution 2004-26 continued)

SECTION 3. That said Appointees are hereby charged with all powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of their respective offices as set forth in the Chapter and Ordinances of the City of Arcadia, Florida.

SECTION 4. That their term of Office shall be from the date of the Resolution through the end of the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 or until their successors are appointed.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, at Regular Session in Arcadia, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

/s/RICHARD P. FAZZONE  
RICHARD P. FAZZONE  
Councilmember

/s/SHARON T. GOODMAN, Ed.S.  
SHARON T. GOODMAN, Ed.S.  
Councilmember

/s/ PAUL P. WHITLOCK  
PAUL P. WHITLOCK  
Councilmember

/s/ ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, Ed.D  
ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, Ed.D  
Councilmember

/s/ ROBERT W. HEINE  
ROBERT W. HEINE  
Councilmember

ATTEST:

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

Mayor Whitlock was presented with the gavel by outgoing Mayor Fazzone.

A request by letter, from James Goddard, Principal of DeSoto County High School for permission to hold the Homecoming Parade on October 15, 2004 at 4:00 P.M. was submitted. The parade route would be the same as last year. Goodman moved to grant the request to hold the Homecoming Parade on October 15, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Pam Ames representing the Arcadia Main Street Program addressed Council to request the closure of downtown streets on October 30, 2004 from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for a Grand Re-Opening and Fall Festival. They are requesting that Oak Street from DeSoto Avenue to Monroe Avenue be closed as well as cross streets DeSoto Avenue and Polk Avenue. Heine moved to grant the request to close Oak Street from DeSoto Avenue to Monroe Avenue and the cross streets on October 30, 2004 from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for a Fall Festival; seconded by Goodman and carried. This subject to Police and Fire Departments approval.

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

Tara Anderson, Parks and Recreation Coordinator addressed Council to introduce Mr. Wendell Rowell who she is recommending to be appointed as the Resident Manager at the City Mobile Home Park. Mr. Wendell and his wife have lived in the park since February 2000. Council Member Fazzone noted that Mr. Wendell and his wife were a tremendous help after Hurricane Charley hit the park on August 13, 2004. Fazzone moved to appoint Mr. Wendell as the Resident Manager at the City Mobile Home Park; seconded by Johnson and carried.

The September 2004 Mobile Home Park report was presented.

Tara Anderson then addressed Council regarding the request of Margaret Klamut of Lot 66 Arizona Street allowing her to place a new mobile home on the site where her destroyed home was located. Ms. Klamut will be responsible for paying any increase necessary to convert the electric service from 60 amps to 220 amps. Fazzone moved to grant the request to allow Ms. Klamut to place a new mobile home on her site at 66 Arizona Street; seconded by Johnson and carried.

Attorney Holloman discussed the possible eviction of a park resident noting that the person must actually be convicted of the crime first and that you are evicting the mobile home not just the resident. This could be a problem as the individual is married which would mean the eviction of someone who was not convicted of a crime. No action was taken.

MaryAnn Gallagher of Lot 77 Colorado addressed Council stating that she is trying to get a new trailer to replace her destroyed home. Ms. Gallagher was made aware that she will need to give up her screen porch or carport in order for the trailer to fit the lot size. Johnson then moved to grant the request to allow Ms. Gallagher to place a new mobile on her site at 77 Colorado; seconded by Goodman and carried.

Mr. James Goddard, Principal of DeSoto County High School arrived late after his request had been approved. Mr. Goddard introduced himself to the Council and thanked them for approving the Homecoming parade request.

The September 2004 report of Arcadia Golf Course receipts and number of play was presented. It was noted that due to damage caused by Hurricane Charley and then Frances and Jeanne the course had no play in the month of September. The golf carts were electric and all of the electric was torn out of the cart shed by Hurricane Charley. The electric carts are being replaced with gas operated carts and it is anticipated that the course will open next week.

Stan Abram with the Arcadia/DeSoto Beautification Committee addressed Council to invite anyone interested to attend the Committee meeting on Monday, October 11, 2004 at the Ag Center.

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Mr. Abram then inquired about the welcome to Arcadia sign that was destroyed by Hurricane Charley and was informed that the City has an insurance claim on it and it will be removed after the adjuster has seen the damage. A new sign will need to be designed to replace it.

Mr. Willie Irvin addressed Council and stated that the City workers have done an outstanding job on the recovery process after being impacted by three hurricanes in four (4) weeks time.

Special Projects Coordinator Hewett inquired about the welcome to Arcadia sign on the West side of town and was informed that only one (1) letter is missing and it will be repaired.

Mr. Peter Potemkin, Technical Assistance Contractor with FEMA addressed Council stating that he is leading a team of experts to help our community recover. Mr. Potemkin noted that there is a great need for housing in our community. He stated that a new housing strike force team is in place to help assist those who are in the greatest need for it. Mr. Potemkin then reported that a public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2004 in order for community input on how to move forward. Three (3) key areas are 1) Focus on specific community needs, 2) Write grant applications well, and 3) The community must be united behind the projects that are identified.

Council Member Goodman congratulated outgoing Mayor Fazzone on an excellent job during his tenure as Mayor. Goodman then moved that Council present Mayor Fazzone with a plaque of recognition at the next Council meeting; seconded by Heine and carried.

Johnson reported that the Ridge League of Cities Meeting will be held on October 21, 2004 at the Polk County Community College. He then reported that he will be in Orlando at the Florida League of Cities meeting on October 15, 2004.

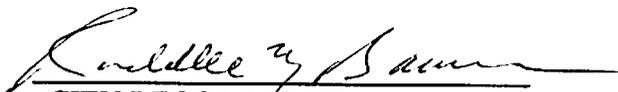
Heine inquired about lights that were damaged at the Tree of Knowledge Park to which Administrator Strube reported that we are having difficulty getting replacement parts and globes as the original lights were ordered from a company in Mexico.

Johnson asked if a survey had been done of all street lights that are inoperable and was informed that Administrator Strube is working with FPL on this issue.

Outgoing Mayor Fazzone thanked everyone for his year as Mayor and stated that he is looking forward to working with FEMA on our vision for the future.

Incoming Mayor Whitlock thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and appointing him a Mayor.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
CITY RECORDER

  
PRESIDENT