

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on December 18, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending were Goodman, Fazzone, Heine, Johnson, and Dixon. Also in attendance were Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman, Marshall Lee, Captain Anderson, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Ms. Way, and Recorder Baumann.

The Invocation was given by Dr. Roosevelt Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Adrian Cline addressed the Council and gave an update on the replacement of windows at the Chamber of Commerce building. Mr. Cline reported that all of the windows had been removed and replaced. Of the thirty five (35) windows in the building, only five (5) were lost due to extreme decay. Thirty (30) of the windows have been preserved and the contractor will seal the windows because of the lead content. The five (5) decayed windows have been disposed of as per Department of Protection (DEP) guidelines. Mr. Cline stated that previous plans to store the windows in the attic of the Chamber building may have to be revisited due to the size of the windows. Administrator Strube asked if there was a problem with having help to put the windows in the attic to which Mr. Cline replied he was not sure, however the space in the attic is limited. The original intent was to keep the original windows and/or pieces stored in the building so that over the years they would not be lost. Mr. Cline will get with Administrator Strube after the contractor has sealed and packed the windows to see if there is space in the attic for them.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2007 were adopted on a motion by Heine; with the stipulation that statements made by Councilman Dixon be entered into the record regarding Womack Sanitation and clarification of his motion for a workshop to research a "strong mayor" form of government; seconded by Johnson and carried.

The minutes of the Street Restoration Work Session of December 4, 2007 were adopted on a motion by Fazzone; seconded by Heine and carried.

Carol Robinson, Parade Coordinator for the NAACP Chapter, requested by letter to hold a Martin Luther King Parade on January 21, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., from Volusia Avenue and Oak Street, ending at Louis Anderson Park was presented. Mayor Goodman verified with Marshall Lee that the chosen parade route would be in agreement with him. Marshall Lee stated the parade had been going on for quiet a few years, and the route met with the approval of the City Police Department. Johnson then moved to grant the request for the NAACP to hold a Martin Luther King Parade on January 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

Chief Timothy D. Backer, representing the Volunteer Fire Department addressed the Council to request that the green fees be waived for the Annual Golf Tournament on March 7, 2008. Dixon moved to waive the green fees at the Volunteer Fire Department

Regular Meeting
December 18, 2007
Continued

Annual Golf Tournament on March 7, 2008; seconded by Heine and carried.

The Fines and Forfeitures Report for the month of November 2007 was presented showing fines in the amount of \$2,138.89.

The Recorder's report of Revenue and Expenditures through November 30, 2007 was presented.

Administrator Strube addressed the Council and stated that the Waste Water Treatment Plant facilities plan, last updated in August 2004 needs to be modified in conjunction with ongoing treatment plant improvements. The engineering firm working with the City recommends the City consider constructing a 2 MG reject water storage tank. The availability of a reject water storage tank would minimize surface water discharge in the event the plant was unable to meet permitted treatment parameters. Having the tank listed in the plan would increase the City's grant funding chances. Heine moved to amend Table 1: Comparison of Planning Era Estimated Construction Costs of the City of Arcadia Wastewater Facilities Plan Update of August 2004 to include construction costs details associated with a 2MG Reject Water Storage Tank valued at \$2,636,892.50; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

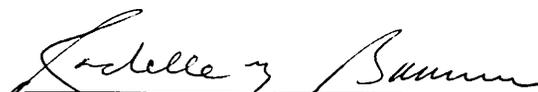
The Public Works report for the Month of November 2007 was presented.

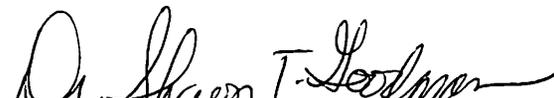
Administrator Strube then reported that City offices would be closed from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 for a Holiday Luncheon and he invited all Council to attend. He also noted that the Parks Department will have a Holiday Dinner on Friday December 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to which the Council was also invited.

Mr. Richard Bowers addressed the Council complimenting them for the support given to the DeSoto County Community Development Corporation regarding the newly constructed restrooms at Louis Anderson Park. Mr. Bowers reported the restrooms were almost completed and noted that the City employees assigned to work in that area were doing a great job. Mr. Bowers expressed a "special thank you" to Mr. Strube for his involvement and to the Council for all their help and promised to continue to work with them on future projects.

Ms. Linda Williams addressed the Council stating that she is applying for a grant from the Selby Foundation to assist with the renovation of the Chamber of Commerce building and she is requesting a letter of support from the Council to accompany the grant application. Mayor Goodman stated that a letter would be prepared by the Administrator's Office for her signature and would be forwarded on to Ms. Williams.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT