

SPECIAL MEETING

HISTORIC SIGN DEDICATION CEREMONY

JUNE 19, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on June 19, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. on the lawn of City Hall at 120 N. Monroe Street. Council Members attending were Johnson, Goodman, Whitlock, Fazzone, and Heine. Also in attendance were Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman, Special Projects Coordinator Hewitt, Ms. Way, Recorder Baumann, and several past Council Members.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the special meeting was for the installation and dedication of a "State Historic Site" sign for City Hall.

Mayor Johnson recognized all current Council Members and City staff. He then noted that an invitation was sent to the following past Council Members, of which many were in attendance:

Ronny Allen	Marion Carroll
Phil Hunt	Eugene Hickson
George K. Smith	Walter Banuall
Robert Kujawa	Wayne Hasty
Coleman Brewer	Lester Summerall
Robert R. Allen	Bobby Kelly

Mayor Johnson then gave a brief history of City Hall noting that the land was originally a pineapple patch and was purchased in 1917 from Fred and Ida Gore. The building was built as the "first" and to this day "only" City Hall for Arcadia. It was finished in June 1926 at a cost of \$45,216.00 which included all furnishings. Prior to 1926 office space was rented for \$60.00 to \$75.00 per year and located on the second floor of buildings on Oak Street. The building was originally built as a City Hall and Fire Station and an additional fire bay was added in 1962. The Fire Station was actively manned until the City Fire Department merged with the County on June 1, 2006. Currently the fire bays are used by the County for equipment storage and by an ambulance transport company. The first floor of the building was recently renovated with a grant from the Florida Division of Historical Resources. The City hopes to qualify for funds to continue with renovations to the second floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT