

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on October 2, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council Members attending were Johnson, Goodman, Fazzone, Heine, and Dixon. Also in attendance were Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman, City Marshall Lee, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, County Judge Don T. Hall, Ms. Way, and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Johnnie Rhyne.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Goodman moved to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing to Adopt Final Budget of September 18, 2007; seconded by Heine and carried.

City Attorney Holloman administered the Oath of Office to Roosevelt Johnson who was re-elected to serve a four (4) year term on the City Council. It was noted that this is Dr. Johnson's fifth term on the Council.

Judge Don T. Hall administered the Oath of Office to Lorenzo Dixon who was elected to serve a four (4) year term on the City Council. This is Councilman Dixon's first term on the Council.

Councilman Johnson and Dixon both expressed appreciation and thanks to the voters for their support and trust by electing them to the Council.

Fazzone moved to appoint Council Member Goodman to serve as Mayor for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year; seconded by Dixon and carried. This action was formalized by Resolution No. 2007-17 as follows.

Mayor Goodman was presented with the gavel by outgoing Mayor Johnson.

Johnson moved to appoint Council Member Fazzone as Deputy Mayor for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year; seconded by Heine and carried. This action was formalized by Resolution No. 2007-17 as follows.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-17

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 Council Member Dr. Sharon T. Goodman be appointed to the Office of Mayor of the City of Arcadia, Florida and Presiding Officer of City Council.

SECTION 2. That City Council Member Richard P. Fazzino be appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor of the City of Arcadia, Florida and Presiding Officer of City Council.

SECTION 3. That said Appointees are hereby charged with all powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of their respective offices as set forth in the Charter 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 2007-2008 or until their successors are appointed.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, at Regular Session in Arcadia, Florida, this 2nd day of October, 2007.

s/s DR. SHARON T. GOODMAN
DR. SHARON T. GOODMAN
Council Member

s/s RICHARD P. FAZZONE
RICHARD P. FAZZONE
Council Member

s/s ROBERT W. HEINE
ROBERT W. HEINE
Council Member

s/s ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, Ed.D.
ROOSEVELT JOHNSON, Ed.D.
Council Member

ATTEST:

s/s RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
City Recorder

s/s LORENZO DIXON, M. Psy.
LORENZO DIXON, M. Psy.
Councilman

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Mayor Goodman introduced Mr. Danny Bilyeu, Field Representative for Congressman Vern Buchanan of the 13th District of Florida. Mr. Bilyeu informed the Council he has served in the position of Mayor and Vice Mayor for the City of Sarasota and he assured them he is very familiar with the tasks they face on the Council. Mr. Bilyeu congratulated both Mayor Goodman and Deputy Mayor Fazzino on their recent appointments. Mr. Bilyeu stated that today he visited several organizations and business while in DeSoto County. He will be returning to the area at various times and will be taking information and questions back to Congressman Buchanan that may be brought to his attention while he is in the area.

Judge Don T. Hall addressed the Council with a request for a resolution of support for the All-Florida Championship Rodeo, Inc. for state funding of a new rodeo facility. Judge Hall stated the Rodeo arena was in need of extensive repair. Hurricane Charley had added to this problem. The citizens of DeSoto County have expressed a desire for a new arena with more room and in a location that is more compatible to the event. The Rodeo Association had applied for a grant; however when it got to the governor, it was denied. The Association was informed the U.S. Department of Agriculture has funds available for this type of project. The grant would require matching funds, which the rodeo association is prepared to provide. One of the requirements of the application is to have a resolution from the City of Arcadia supporting the association's application for funding.

Fazzino moved to approve Resolution No. 2007-18 in support of the Rodeo Association; seconded by Johnson and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
ARCADIA, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A REQUEST
BY THE ALL-FLORIDA CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO,
INC., FOR STATE FUNDING OF A NEW RODEO
FACILITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE.

WHEREAS, the non-profit Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo, Inc. has faithfully served DeSoto County and the City of Arcadia for over 79 years, and

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(Resolution 2007-18 continued)

WHEREAS, the All-Florida Championship Rodeo, Inc. rodeo facility has served as a valuable community partner for individuals and groups involved in agriculture, education and entertainment, and

WHEREAS, the All-Florida Championship Rodeo, Inc. has made its rodeo facility available to a varied host of community organizations, educational institutions, public agency and private enterprises on a year round basis, and

WHEREAS, the All-Florida Championship Rodeo, Inc. has been a strong and viable socio-economic leader to the citizens of Arcadia, DeSoto County and the surrounding region, and

WHEREAS, the All-Florida Championship Rodeo, Inc. is desirous to construct a new facility in order to better provide services to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Arcadia City Council that it supports the All-Florida Championship Rodeo, Inc. request for State Funding from the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Florida Department of Agriculture's supplemental budget, subject to legislative approval, for purposes of constructing a new rodeo facility to strengthen its socio-economic partnership with the community.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Arcadia, Florida, in Regular Session this 2nd day of October, 2007.

CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA

s/s DR. SHARON T. GOODMAN
DR. SHARON T. GOODMAN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/s RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
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CITY RECORDER

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An invitation to participate in the Tater Hill Rodeo Parade was presented to the Council Jackie Tucker, Parade Chairman. The parade is to be held on Saturday, October 13, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Goodman asked that Ms. Tucker get with Marshall Lee to work out the details. Dixon moved to grant the request for a Tater Hill Rodeo Parade to be held on Saturday, October 13, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. subject to Ms. Tucker coordinating the event with Marshal Lee; seconded by Johnson and carried.

The Police Activity Report for September 2007 was presented. Marshall Lee reported that cash in the amount of \$11,961.00 was confiscated in addition to various drugs and 4 vehicles. Marshall Lee stated drugs are still an ongoing problem.

Marshall Lee addressed the Council in response to a complaint brought before the Council at the last meeting by Mrs. Carol Scott. Mrs. Scott had requested speed signs be placed in her neighborhood. Marshall Lee reported that speed signs showing a speed limit of 20 MPH have been erected and a special watch is also being done. A review of complaints from last year regarding the Ridgewood area totaled eight (8) complaints; however none of them addressed the problem of speeding.

Marshall Lee then reported that he is working on a proposal to come before the Council which would be a contract for a yearly bid for a towing company, to be used inside the City limits. This service could bring in revenues of about 15,000.00 annually. Attorney Holloman stated that the City currently has a Towing Ordinance and in order to allow for a contract for towing services the current ordinance would need to be amended.

Marshall Lee reported that he and Administrator Strube have come to an agreement which will allow the Police Department to purchase an additional new vehicle in FY 2007-2008. Marshall Lee will turn over two confiscated vehicles for the City to use by other departments which will free up funds to allow the Police Department to purchase two (2) new vehicles instead of one.

Recorder Baumann reported that the auditors have begun working on the FY 2006-2007 audit.

Administrator Strube addressed the Council regarding Specific Authorization No. 3 with Hazen and Sawyer for General Engineering Services. The work preformed will have a "not to exceed" amount of \$20,000 allowing Hazen and Sawyer to continue providing regulator assistance to the City of Arcadia. Heine moved to approve Specific Authorization No. 3 with Hazen and Sawyer for General Engineering Services not to exceed \$20,000.00; seconded by Johnson and carried.

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Administrator Strube addressed the Council regarding Specific Authorization No. 55 with Boyle Engineering. This authorization is for infrastructure design review and construction phase services. The purpose is to review and comment on large development plans, construction observation of infrastructure and review of associated record drawings. All cost associated with Specific Authorization No. 55 will be passed on to the developer. Fazzone moved to approve Specific Authorization No. 55; seconded by Heine and carried.

Administrator Strube then addressed the Council regarding Specific Authorization No. 56 with Boyle Engineering to develop construction standards and requirements to address general requirements and exceptions for new developments. Compensation for these services will be \$21,140.00. Johnson moved to approve Specific Authorization No. 56 in the amount of \$21,140.00; seconded by Dixon and carried.

The Golf Course Report for the month of September 2007 was presented.

Special Projects Coordinator Hewett reported that rounds were up for the year; however due to the expiration of memberships, total memberships were down. Memberships will be reflected on the November report. Mr. Hewett then presented a new rate schedule for the 2007-2008 year. Fazzone moved to approve the 2007-2008 rate schedule as presented for the Arcadia Golf Course; seconded by Heine and carried.

The Flowage and Hanger Report for July 2007 for Air-Cadia was presented.

Mrs. Gladys Blocker, a member of the public, addressed the Council. Mrs. Blocker lives in the City Trailer Park, and asked why the Police Department does not patrol the area during the summer months as often as they do in the winter. Marshall Lee responded that there is no difference in the number of patrols in the summer as opposed to the winter. Captain Anderson reported that there is a special watch for both the City Trailer Park and Park Place because it is a residential area. Council Member Fazzone asked Mrs. Blocker if there was a citizen watch group for the City Trailer Park to which Mrs. Blocker responded that there is however they only operate until 10 p.m.

Mr. David Cavandis addressed the Council regarding a drainage problem at his home at 219 North Hillsboro. Mr. Cavandis stated water does not go into the ditch, but floods his porch and sidewalk noting that the water runs between two houses. Mr. Cavandis stated that if the City can build a new rodeo facility they should be able to re-pave the roads and correct drainage issues. Administrator Strube will check into this and noted that they may need to have the help of the landowner.

Mayor Goodman stated for the record that the City is not building a new rodeo facility, they have only "approved" a Resolution in support of the Rodeo Association seeking grant funding.

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Council Member Johnson then stated that the City is presently doing a study on all local roads in need of repair.

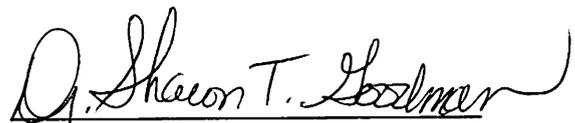
Councilman Dixon thanked his supporters for the opportunity to serve on the Council and he expressed a special thanks to his neighbor and one of Arcadia's long time legends, Mr. Fletcher Brown, for his support throughout the years noting that Mr. Brown recently passed away. All Council members welcomed Mr. Dixon to the Council, stating they looked forward to serving with him as did Administrator Strube, Recorder Baumann, Ms. Way, and Special Coordinator Hewett.

Mayor Goodman presented Recorder Baumann with information regarding a re-zoning request for 607 S. Orange Avenue. Ms. Baumann will send the petitioner a letter letting them know the procedures for requesting the re-zoning of property.

Special Coordinator Hewett reminded the Council that a group picture will be taken on November 6, 2007, prior to the 6:00 o'clock meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT