**Town of Pomona Park – Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022 (6:00 pm) This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public**

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Present Councilwoman CarrieAnn Evans, Councilwoman Lynda Linkswiler, Councilwoman Pat Mead, Councilman Victor Szatkowski, Councilman Bud Eckels, Councilman Dr. Warren, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Deputy Clerk Kelly Krupski (attended by phone), Bruce Wolfred Maintenance Supervisor.

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag. The Meeting started at 6:00 pm.

Town Clerk Andrea read the Correspondence list.

**Minutes of Council Meeting**

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the minutes of July 12 and July 28 along with the Budget Workshops on July 28 and August 4, Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

The Agenda was adjusted to accommodate guest speakers present.

Guest Speaker:

Guest Speaker is David Donaldson from Lake Como Cemetary

Previous President of the Cemetary. A new person has taken over the current gentleman has passed away. Unfortunately, no one in the association even knew what was going on. In the documents that go along with the cemetery, the house was not in good order due to a break-in. Ninety percent of the papers have been recovered for the plots. The Past members of the association are no longer involved or are with us. John Taylor is a local historian in the area. They are looking for someone to take it over. Potentially looking at the cemetery association in Crescent City. David Donaldson 386-336-2422.

Kathy Baker Jordan and Associates

FDRAP is a DEP-funded program that is state-funded. Program every year, there is a cycle. The last few years haven't been any funding. The Cycle is open now, and it will close on August 31. It is offering the opportunity to apply. You can apply two different things or two parks. A small or a large. $50,000 or $200,000. No match for our town because of the size. Playground equipment, docks or boat ramps, or canoe ramps. We need to score 53 points. And have a public meeting. The nature of the project more points for population density. Playground equipment, a ramp. You cant move the items around in the CDBG. If the bid comes in too high, you need to negotiate. You can do things at the same park as the grant. The state is saying to apply. You have three years. This is a grant for years 23/24. It is all electronic. It's up to the DEP for the funding. An advertised meeting to move forward and a meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Evans and Dr.Warren 2nd  the motion, to allow the Town Council to move forward on the FDRAP Application process. Could it be used on pickleball? A decision on what projects and where will happen at the scheduled Meeting. The Vote was 6-1. Councilwoman Mead was NAY.

**Unfinished Business:**

Deputy Clerk Kelly reviewed the financials. No questions asked.

Beautification, Councilwoman Linkswiler gave a review of the Meeting. The Town Clerk reviewed the Sunshine Manual. Councilwoman Linkswiler would like to recuse herself anytime that a vote comes about not to put herself in trouble. Mayor Joe asked her not to make that decision as of yet.

Discussed the idea of a Harvest Dance. Discussed what will be needed for the block party and what will be needed for the upcoming budget. Voted to send it to the Council. $328 was made, and new members attended. The more activities happening, the more will come. The Events that are being planned for the community. The other liaison has asked to speak. Council Eckels would like to thank the beautification volunteers and Martha. And the Town People for coming out. It brought the young and old together. This is the type of Event to keep the town together.

**Committee Reports**-

Code Enforcement- Councilman Dr. Warren the projects that have been started. 122 A street needs to be demolished, 107 Blake needs to be demolished. 206 Worchester the bottom floor needs to be torn out. 234, 236 Pleasant St 104, 106 East Main St. Are active cases.

**New Business**:

Town Attorney Bobby Pickens- Interlocal Floodplain Management

This allows the town to still participate in the FEMA plan. It puts it in writing to continue with the plan.

Resolution 2022-3 Read by the Clerk.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve Resolution 2022-3, and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Proposed Pier- Mayor Joe

Mayor Joe brought up the Proposed Pier that was brought to him at Chat with the Mayor. A fishing pier at the end of Middleton. No boats, no swimming. Joe is here tonight to appoint a subcommittee to allow them to do the research for the pier. All they would need is 35 signatures to put on the ballot if a petition is brought before the Council. I want to think that we could work it out with the parking. This would be for the kids in the town. I'm just asking you to be fair. It's an open lake. It's not private. I want to ask the Council to consider this.

Marlin Moore- 127 Middleton I don't think the gentleman should get to appoint the fact-finding committee. They believe it would be biased if the gentleman picks them.

Charles Hartiage Lives in Callahan but owns property on Middleton, 115 Middleton.

He has already seen some minor crimes. But that was at a time that they respected one another. The problem will be the kids in the middle of the night. Does this open up the road for a ramp? Mayor Joe says no.

Tony Cueves- He lives in Pomona Park and is on the lake Broward Association

The number 4 lake is in the state. The trash in the lake and bottles. Who will clean it? They do not want outsiders coming in and then a ramp later on. Experience from Fpl they use the carp to clean the lake. No matter the water quality, they do not want anyone on the lake. Councilman Eckels asked if it was only because it was on Middleton.

Mayor Joe asked for a motion-

Brenda Bellair - 122 Middleton Ave. Addressed the Council and residents. Your willing to appoint people to speak on my behave. Take into account the residents in Pomona Park that pay taxes. They would be parking on my yard, but they won't be taking care of it. She doesn't think it's fair to ask for a committee. They will be parked all the way down the road for emergency vehicles.

Mayor Joe explained that if the people with the petition come through for the ramp, I can't stop that. Brenda asked about a retention pond. Mayor Joe said that's not on the Agenda tonight. Brenda asked about the opinion of the residents.

Mr.Cueves asked if it could be sold.

Phillip Rowe- worked with the lake watch. They did a fish count. They said if you had a fishing tournament on this lake, you would fish it out. Who would monitor the rules? They checked six basses, and it was recommended not to eat more than one fish out of the lake. The state won't stock the lake because we don't have the boat ramp. I checked into the local fish hatchery; you need food for the bass to eat.

Bill Garcia- 120 Parkin Rd

The reason we are talking about this is that the city owns this land.

The logic is that if we put a pier there, we could never put a ramp there.

Mayor Joe stated a fence to be put in for only staff to block the area off.

Mayor Joe explained that three people had 35 signatures. You cant petition no because it's a public lake.

Bill Garcia asked if, in 20 years, if it was taken down, then it would be voted on.

Councilwoman Evans asked how it would be funded.

The pier would still be maintained by the town.

How would it be paid for, and who wants this?

David Henson 345 Sisco Rd.

The boat ramp at the other end is private property.

What is the advantage of adding the pier?

Mayor Joe said the kids would have somewhere to go fishing.

Are you going to tell everyone the cost of everything?

Tell them what it's going to cost them.

Greg Dardel 131 Middleton

He has been coming to the lake since he was a child.

Mary Taylor owned the property on the right. She married Ralph.

Speaking on how it affects them personally, he has seen Emergency personnel. He thinks that someone is trying to twist Joes' arm. If you go down and look, you will never get a peer there. Go back into history. The reason behind it getting shut down, The residents didn't ask for that. Just wanted it to be maintained if my kids are getting hooks in them because its to close to the my house.

Larry Flayman 104 Perry St

Would like to clear up the arguments. He is understanding of the residents on the street. It was mentioned about extending the current pier at the beach. Larry explained his reason behind the fishing pier is that every resident deserves access to the lake. Everyone pays taxes and deserves to access it. Larry says that extra parking is available at the corner of perry and Middleton.

He's asking for the greater good of the community.

Bill Garcia would like to ask the city to sell the land

He also asked about the fences and moving them when the pavilion comes in.

Councilwoman Linkswiler enquired about the fence because of the cars and boats.

Martha Mann 406 West Main St

I would like to speak about the residents that don't live on the lake. They are law-abiding citizens who follow the rules that say no fishing on the lake. She would like to see some compromise so that the local folks could have use of the lake.

Mayor Joe suggested maybe extending the ramp to go out because of the grant

Jim Ogle 117 Middleton

He understands that the survey is an issue. He would like to make sure that this was acknowledged.

Ronda Ogle 117 Middleton

Spoke from experience. She would try to walk her dog. Two times she has tried to walk her dog because people approached her.

A motion to appoint Larry Flayman to a fact-finding committee for a proposed pier was made by Dr. Warren. Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. The Vote was 6-1. Councilwoman Evans Nay

A five-minute recess was called at 7:36

The Meeting regained at 7:43 pm.

Larry Flayman- Town Sign

He went to Cooney about getting new signs. He would like to have two large signs for the town made. He would like for it to say Welcome to Pomona Park. Painted on, and he would like to see it paid for by ARPA.

Councilwoman Mead has an issue with it needing more than just a sign because of the area now, and it needs a box.

Larry asked about putting something on the East side. Why does it need to be on that side of the road you drive on?

Martha Mann- the FDOT guy, said that it's 6ft to close to 17 anyways. So if we are doing it, let's do it before they come in for the work.

Councilwoman Linkswiler asked about height and lights.

Larry is asking about investing in the signs right now.

Martha Mann- Monster Mash Dance

Martha read her proposal. The committee is requesting the Town cover the expense of the deputy outside of the dance. Would like to have a costume contest that is Halloween Themed. This is optional. Ages 12-18 would be the targeted age. I would not deny being older.

Asking for approval of the Event -

And law enforcement is paid for by the town

Councilman Eckels motioned to approve the Beautification Committee to allow the dance. Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to pay for half of the patrol 2 hours, and Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to pay the James Moore invoice of $3,500. Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow the Clerk to go to Clerk school in Orlando, and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Kayak Launch cleaning

Mayor Joe is going to meet with Sam Car.

Larry Flayman asked about weed-clearing

The approval is there for the clearing of the lake.

Upcoming Events Reviewed

The Town Council meeting is moved to September 15, the same day as the budget.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adjourn at 8:48 pm.