

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

**Tuesday, November 9, 12, 2021 (6:00 pm) This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public VIA TELECONFERENCE. Call 1-888-204-5987 Access Code is 3674654#**

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 p.m.

Town Clerk Andrea read the Correspondence list.

**Minutes of Council Meeting:** Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve meeting minutes 10/12/2021. Dr. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Unfinished Business:** Treasurer Kelly Krupski gave a review of the financials. No questions were asked about financials.

Councilwoman Linkswiler gave a review on Beautification. Mayor Joe, Joey, and Tom planted three hundred twenty new flowers at the post office, bought at cost from Hills Hardware. On November 20 at noon, Beautification is meeting at the Community Center to decorate the Christmas Tree. The Everybody's Yard sale has been rescheduled for December 4. Councilwoman Evans made the motion to approve payment of two Deputies for the yard sale. Councilman Szatkowski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The Vote was unanimous. The next Beautification meeting will be held on December 6. No breakfast will be held on the day of the Yard Sale.

A discussion was had on Perry Street Drainage. Resident Larry Flayman, address 204 Perry St, stated he was uncomfortable signing the easement letter. My Flayman gave suggestions on how he believed the issues might be resolved. He would like to have the culvert dug out and drop it down farther. The Town Attorney stated that the Town needs to be careful providing services on residents' property. It has been suggested that Councilman Eckels go back and complete a full scope of the project before moving forward any further with the drainage issues.

**Guest Speaker-** Debbie Harrell from the Property Appraisers office spoke on the ad valorem for seniors. A change to the ordinance, Seniors had to qualify every to be eligible for a tax break on property taxes. Now the only change is if a senior's income changes.

Councilwoman Evans made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 2021-6

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF POMONA PARK, FLORIDA, GRANTING

ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS, REPEALING

ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY,  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilman Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The Vote  
was unanimous.

Russell Corby from Security Lines has presented a demonstration on the Security Lines Us system. He explained how this system holds all the data information inside. Also that this system does not rely on a wireless signal to record. His presentation showed the distance and the options of adding additional cameras at different locations within a mile if clear. Mr. Corby explained that he would take it back if the Town were unhappy with the system's purchase.

**Public Hearing Items- None**

**New Business**

Councilman Eckels would like for the Town to move forward on getting the Community Center steps replaced. Maintenance Supervisor Bruce stated that he requested wider pads to be put in so that the steps would be more manageable for people to use. The estimate that we have received does not cover the cost of the railing. Depending on the type, it will be around \$1,200 to \$1,500 to replace. Councilman Eckels made a motion to spend up to the max of \$5,000 for repairs of the Community Center Steps and railing. Councilwoman Linkswiler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

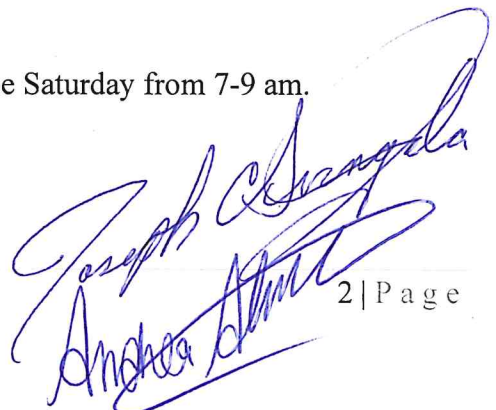
Mayor Svingala has invited the Council to the Maintenance Building on Saturday, November 13, to recognize all that the staff has accomplished. Mayor Svingala would like to change Bruce's title from Supervisor to Superintendent of Public Works. Councilwoman Mead made a motion to change Bruce's title from Supervisor to Superintendent of Public Works. Councilwoman Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

A discussion was had about zoning and animals in the Town of Pomona Park. Per the Town Attorney Craig, the Town does not have anything against horses as Pets. Councilman Szatkowski explained the definition listed from the Florida State Statues of what a livestock animal is defined and domestic animals. The Town Attorney stated that our code does not specify a pet and what can be a pet. Craig suggests that the Council adopt a new ordinance stating how many animals and what kind are allowed. Mayor Svingala suggested the Council hold a workshop.

Upcoming events were reviewed, chat with the Mayor will be Saturday from 7-9 am.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.



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