## <u>Town of Pomona Park – Town Council Meeting Minutes</u> Tuesday, December 14, 2021 (6:00 pm) This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Present Councilwoman CarrieAnn Evans(absent), 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 6:03 pm.

Town Clerk Andrea read the Correspondence list.

<u>Minutes of Council Meeting</u>: Councilman Dr. Warren motioned to approve meeting minutes 11/09/2021. Councilman Szatkowski 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: Treasurer Kelly Krupski gave a review of the financials. No questions were asked about financials.

Councilwoman Linkswiler gave a review on Beautification and the yard sale. A huge profit was not made, around \$1,000. And we spent approximately \$1,800. The Highlight of the Yard Sale event was Mayor Joe as Santa and his son Tom as the Elf.

**Tree Board Meeting:** Councilwoman Mead announced that we had been approved for the 31st year as a Tree City. Councilwoman Mead recognized Town Clerk Andrea, Kelly, Bruce, and staff for all that goes into being a Tree City. Arbor Day will be January 14, 2022, at 4:00 pm. The event will be held at the Community Center. A new Christmas tree will be planted. The Town is having issues with removing older trees and not being able to put in new ones. Mayor Joe says our trees are getting very old, and maintenance does a lot to maintain the trees. At a rough estimate, three hundred trees need to be taken down.

Resident Martha Mann asked if refreshments would be needed for Arbor Day. Councilwoman Mead stated that they do not.

Town Clerk Andrea read 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. This is the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-6 Homestead exemption for low-income seniors. The Vote was 6-0.

Public Works Superintendent went over the plans for the Community Center steps and explained that the ramp is too close to the steps to do just a repour like previously thought. Wolfred explained the difference in the quotes. Councilwoman Mead motioned to spend \$5,500 not to include the railings to replace the steps. Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. The Vote was 6-0. Councilman Szatkowski reviewed the current policy on zoning and the definitions currently used for livestock and animals. A discussion was had about definitions applying to more than one item or chapter. Grandfathering was created prior to the zoning code. Town Attorney Sherar and Town Clerk Andrea will contact NEFAR to see if the Town is still under contract with them. A conversation about a workshop being held in the future was had. Resident Martha Mann stated



her concern over her rural, small-town feeling concerns her about too many rules and the area's attractiveness.

## **Guest Speakers**

None

## **Public Hearing Items**

None

## **New Business**

Public Works Superintendent Wolfred recommends having a surplus auction for a Bush Hog, John Deere, 2006 Chevy Pick up truck. He is asking permission from the Council to put these items up for a sealed bid. Councilwoman Mead motioned to allow Bruce and Andrea to remove the surplus items for auction. Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0.

Kelly Lake explained the camera he was sent to demo for the Town.

Town Attorney Sherar asked the Council to move forward with purchasing the tax certificates for two properties in Town. The Council approved.

Councilman Dr. Warren motioned to approve the Mowers Inc invoice in the amount of \$30,399.99. Councilman Eckels 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Mowers Inc Invoice was approved in the amount of \$30,399.99.

The vote was 6-0.

Futch's Invoice was approved in the amount of \$3,920.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to pay the Invoice, Councilman Szatkowski 2nd the motion. The vote was 6-0.

U.S. Water Invoice was approved in the amount of \$6,000.

Councilwoman Mead made the motion to approve payment of the Invoice. Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion.

The vote was 6-0.

Putnam Well Invoice in the amount of \$4,230 was approved for payment.

Councilwoman Mead made the motion to approve the payment. Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion.

The vote was 6-0.

James Moore Auditor Invoice was approved for payment in the amount of \$3,600.

Councilman Dr. Warren made the motion for approval of payment. Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion.

The vote was 6-0.

Upcoming events were reviewed. Arbor Day will be January 14 at 4:00 pm, held at the Community Center.

Candy Canes for Kids still needs unwrapped toy donations. The Toys will be staying in Pomona Park.

Councilman Dr. Warren motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.