

Town of Pomona Park - Town Council & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (6:00 pm) This meeting was held at Town Hall for Council only and for Public VIA TELECONFERENCE. Call 1-888-204-5987 Access Code is 3674654#

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Dr. Robert Warren (attended by phone), Lynda Linkswiler, CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, James Griffin, and Bud Eckels were all present. Attorney Sherar, Clerk Donna Fontana and Treasurer Kelly Krupski were present. The meeting started at 6:06 pm due to technical difficulties.

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag.

Clerk read correspondence.

Meeting Minutes:

The Mayor requested approval of the Council Meeting Minutes for 1/12/21. Councilman Warren asked for a correction in the minutes that he did vote on that item from the minutes but he got kicked out and was trying to get back in so I did miss the vote but for a reason. Clerk said, Councilman Warren asked me to change the minutes to say, the vote passed with 6 yea and Councilman Warren could not be heard for the vote due to audio problems. Councilman Warren made a Motion to adopt the minutes, and Councilman Griffin seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business:

Clerk Fontana gave the financial review. Councilwoman Evans asked what is Soniclear? Clerk explained that it is the application that runs the recording system for this meeting. Councilwoman Evans asked, we pay \$473 and half the time it doesn't work? Clerk said, the recording system has probably only not worked 3 times since I've been here in a year and a half. That's the annual license. Councilwoman Evans said, it says the last Sheriff that patrolled here was 12/29th? Clerk said, I just received yesterday a notice that we had a Sheriff do a 2-hour duty this week but before that we had not had anyone since then. Even our K-9 unit is leaving Putnam County and is going to St. Johns County. I've still requested that we have a canine unit on that 6-hour detail that you had approved prior because I think everybody likes that extra for no extra price. covering Crescent City. Our duties that we request are all overtime. We do not have a contract with the Sheriff's dept., so it's at will. If I were accepting overtime, I would accept from the Sheriff's dept. because it goes to their pension and our overtime does not. Councilwoman Evans asked about a Capital City Bank credit card for \$5343.70. Clerk said, I cannot break that down tonight. Councilwoman Evans said, that is a lot for a credit card. The Clerk said, any purchase was under \$2000. Councilwoman Evans said, that is not an excuse though. The Clerk said, I'm not making excuses for anything. Mayor asked, is that where Hills is paid out of? Clerk said, no, but Hills is a problem because they have been too busy with that building and they have not sent us a bill so you're going to see a huge bill next month for Hills. Mayor said, they have not sent one in 3 months and they apologized. Councilwoman Evans said, I am just concerned that just because its under \$2000, that we're frivolously spending. Clerk said, no we are not frivolously spending. expenditures are in the maintenance dept.

Councilwoman Linkswiler gave an update from the Beautification Committee Meeting held on February 8, 2021 at 2:30 and the things we discussed was there is going to be a change in the ordinance 2021-1. She said, the Chairman, the Vice-Chair and the Secretary, Treasurer still has to be town residents, but the other members can be outside the City limits. Clerk said, the only thing that was changed in the Beautification Ordinance which has not been advertised or sent out to all of you is on c, where it says the initial Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary shall be elected by the committee members, (this changed) and shall be Town residents only. The new wording says, the Beautification Committee shall have one regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Councilwoman Linkswiler said they also discussed the Christmas tree. Councilwoman Linkswiler said it was decided that the Southern Red Cedar tree was the best choice, and we only had a choice between a 10' or a 20' so we're going to go with the 20' and a Motion was made and the vote was unanimous that the Beautification Committee will pay up to \$1500 on the tree. I was told that the estimate was \$1100 but we try to allow more than what was necessary. Mayor said, I spoke to Donna about the Town putting a nice plaque there dedicated by Pomona Park Beautification Committee on such a date. Pat said, we wanted to do the tree planting dedication ceremony in cooperation with the Tree City USA and Arbor Day Foundation to do an Arbor Day at the same time.

Guest Speakers:

None.

Public Hearing items:

Clerk read Resolution 2021-2 Amending Section 11- Leaves, (c) Computation of Sick Leave. Mayor agreed to read the second one with Doc's changes in it. Councilman Griffin made a Motion to remove Section 11.01, in the manual 6 under b. Councilman Warren seconded the Motion.

Sick leave shall not be given in advance.

This was voted Approved 6-1 with Councilwoman Evans opposed.

A Motion was made for new hires to receive prorated sick leave, by Councilman Eckels and was 2nd by Councilman Griffin

Vote was passed unanimously.

A motion on the Resolution 2021-2 was made by Councilman Eckels and 2nd by Councilman Warren

Vote was passed 4-3 with Councilwoman Evans, Councilwoman Linkswiler, and Mayor Svingala with nay.

New Business:

Mayor Joe & Councilman Griffin discussed the FPL Lighting proposal for Mayor's Park.

Motion to accept lighting proposal made by Councilman Eckels and 2nd by Councilwoman Evans

Vote was unanimous.

Clerk Fontana requested approval from the Council for Mittauer Invoice 21034 \$2500.

Councilman Eckels made a motion and Councilwoman 2nd Vote was unanimous

Mayor Joe & Clerk Fontana discussed a disagreement over vacation hours for Treasurer Krupski & Supervisor discussion.

Councilwoman Mead requested a workshop for the Employee manual,
It is still to be determined

Covid 19 update

Numbers are still changing daily

Deaths still happening

Bill Pickens called requesting to use the community center or Mayors Park

Community Center is still closed at this time

Councilwoman Evans mentioned her concerns over people still not wearing mask

Upcoming events: Were reviewed from the packet.

Ethics Training 2-24

Beautification committee will meet 3-8

Councilman Griffin made a Motion to adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:32 pm.


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