

Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes

06/13/2023

This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Lynda Linkswiler, CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, Victor Szatkowski, Dr. Robert Warren, Bud Eckels, Town Attorney Bobby Pickens, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Deputy Clerk Krupski

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag.

Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm

Correspondence

Read by Town Clerk Andrea Almeida

Adopt Minutes

Minutes from Special Meeting 5/2/23, Workshop and Town Council Meeting of 5/09/2023.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the minutes and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Business

Kelly Krupski Treasure went over the financial review of The Checking account no questions on the expenditures. Hills Bill is over the approved amount that Andrea can approve of \$2,000. The Hills system went down, and it's been some time getting back on track with everything.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to pay Hills Bill Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Kyocera Contract-Kelly reviewed the proposal for a new copier. The current price is \$197, and the new copier would be \$138. The Rep did not recommend using page 27, you would pay for the copies even if you didn't use the copies. The Kyocera lease ends this January. This new lease will get the Town out of paying the Taxes by changing the billing company to Wells Fargo.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve the proposal on page 26, and Councilman Warren 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Grant Review Handout- Kelly Explained the email that the Contractor sent to Mike Tibble to do with the grant for \$517,000. It would all be concrete work. The Roof at Community Center, striping, Sidewalk. The Beach bathroom and exercise equipment were removed from the contract. The only option is to take this bid or to give the grant back to the DEO. The Town will need to have a Special Meeting to adjust the Scope of Work to move forward with this project. The next date for a Special Meeting would be June 26 to meet the guidelines. Moving forward the Town can look at using a FDRAP grant to do some of the projects that have been removed from this grant. Larry Flaman 206 Perry St. is questing the deadlines. Deputy Clerk Kelly explained that the DEO needs to know what the Town will do with the funds that have been allocated since no extra funds have been given to the Town. Martha Mann 406 West Main St- this will at least allow the roof to be repaired.

Charlotte Middleton 330 Keown Ave- The project could go out and be rebid after the scope of work is readjusted.

Doris Carol North Broward- Spend the money don't turn the money back over.

Mayor Svingala explained that the DEO stopped handing out funds during covid,



Nelson Anderson 109 West Main- The bids sound like they are on par with what the Clay County is currently receiving.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow to proceed for the Sidewalk on east main and the roof at the community center and Councilman Dr Warren 2nd the motion.

5-2 Councilman Szatkowski and Councilman Eckels Not in favor.

The Council set the Special Meeting for June 26, 6:00 pm.

Beautification- Councilwoman Linkswiler

The breakfast brought in \$412. July breakfast will be red, white, and blue pancakes.

This weekend is a clean-up day from the lake to the overflow parking lot. Cleaning up the parking lot and painting the parking stops. Cleaning the parking bench and some planting around the flagpole. Clean up 8-11 am on Sat. July 15 is SummerFest 10-3 at the Community Center. Does the Council have any planting projects for the future? The consensus was not now. Possible down by the South Sign, something to accent.

Mayor Svingala brought up the missing items from the Community Center Fridge. The committee would like to add a chain to the fridge.

Martha Mann stated that hot dogs, chips, and sausage had gone missing. The Committee could put items in the ball field if need be.

The committee would like to put a bicycle chain over the handles, not a chain but a cable.

Councilwoman Evans explained that items had always been locked away in the past.

Councilwoman Linkswiler stated that maybe adding another chest freezer to hold items.

Councilman Eckels motioned to add a cable to the fridge and freezer, Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. 3-4 vote failed. Mayor Svingala, Councilwoman Evans, Councilwoman Mead, Councilman Dr. Warren not in favor.

Mayor Svingala asked if the vote was to close the road at the Community Center.

Martha thinks that the council did.

Mayor Svingala asked about Pomona Park Pride Day?

Martha Mann- stated the feedback wasn't for the event.

Martha stated that the next year the event would be looked at.

And is the committee asking the Council for anything/ the answer is no.

Mayor Svingala brought up a clean-up in town if the staff can chip the materials. No concern from the Council.


Tree Board- June 2023 this quarter 122 trees trimmed and 4 removed 10 hours chipped. The materials now use the new equipment to help the town and citizens.

Councilwoman Mead would like to post this report on the bulletin board, so that all can see how much the staff do. The Christmas tree is doing very well. The tree at the ball field is doing well.

Next Tree Board will be in September.

Guest Speaker

None



Public Hearing Items

Sign Ordinance- Town Attorney Bobby Pickens spoke about the changes from the workshop. All the changes have been made. The recommendations would be to send out the draft then have the next meeting. Town Clerk Andrea created a new Ordinance that simplified the signs that are legally allowed. Or we can bring them back at the next meeting. Make the Special Meeting June 26 after the other meeting.

New Business

Town Clerk read resolution by title only.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve the Lighting Resolution for DOT and Councilman Dr. Warren and Councilman Szatkowski 2nd.

The Vote was Unanimous.

Juneteenth Proclamation 2023-03 Read by Mayor Svingala

Motioned to approve the Juneteenth Proclamation by Councilwoman Evans and 2nd by Councilwoman Linkswiler. The Vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Svingala brought up the Juneteenth events from the other cities. Mayor Svingala suggested taking good Friday and making Juneteenth a holiday.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to allow Juneteenth a holiday from here moving forward, and Councilwoman Evans 2nd the motion. The Vote is 6-1 Councilman Eckels not in favor.

SERCAP- Town Clerk

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow SERCAP to move forward with the water project and contacting other entities on behalf of the Council. Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion

The Vote was unanimous.

Surplus- Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow the surplus of the copier and Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion.

The Motion was unanimous.

Town Attorney Bobby Pickens explained why Ms. Middleton needed to be on the agenda for this ordinance change. The only option is amending the ordinance.

Ms. Middleton explained her case that she would like to put a 1991 mobile home on her property that no other people can see. Ms. Middleton explained that she would like to see this opened for people to be allowed to move these homes into the town. Ms. Middleton stated that it's on the outskirts of town. Councilman Szatkowski explained that it was a private road in town.

Ms. Middleton asked about the fence on Elks Road.

The Council explained to her that it's a private road and she would need to take it to court.

Town Attorney Pickens explained the building code states shall not have, is how its written.

Ms. Middleton is asking to have the ordinance amended. Councilman Eckels stated that then everyone can have a mobile home looked at.

Bill Garcia- asking about Kelly's property again.

The Town Attorney Explained that Elks Road was researched by Palatka Abstract, and the Town has nothing to do with this property.

Mayor Svingala asked the Council if they would like to make a motion on the 2016-13. No Motion was made.

Leslie Vinson- stated the trucks can't get down the road.

Up Coming Events Reviewed

Volunteer Workday

Juneteenth Holiday

Sat June 24th Shop Dedication

Mon June 26 2 Special Meetings

July 1st Breakfast

Public Comment

Larry Flaman- The Beach Clean-Up Status.

Mayor Svingala explained that the price was doubled.

Councilwoman Linkswiler motioned to allow the beach cleanup for more bids and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion.

To go out for more bids for chemical cleanup for the weeds from the dock over.

The vote was 4-3 Councilwoman Mean, Mayor Svingala, Councilwoman Evans not in favor.

Bill Garcia- asked about the Survey. Bud Eckels tried to encroach the property.

He claims that Bud Eckels has tried to claim 4 different times. He stated 4 different times he wants to be on the record stating that Bud Eckles was doing this.

Doris Carol asked Bill Garcia to let them handle the issue.

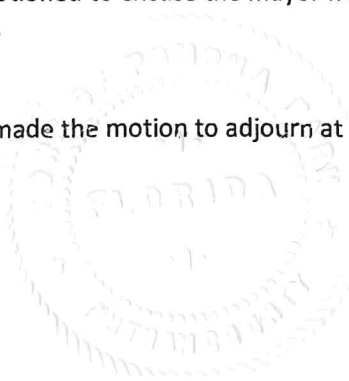
Nelson Anderson 109 West Main St- would like to see the town revitalize. He would like to see the Loud trucks in the town be addressed. The trucks drive throughout the town and wake up the entire town. It's the law and he would like to see it enforced.

Councilwoman Evans explained that the Captain for the Sheriff's department is aware of the noise in the town.

Leslie Vinson- complaints about speeders and the social sites, and then you get someone putting it on the page that law enforcement is int town.

Councilwoman Evan motioned to excuse the mayor from the last meeting and Councilwoman Mead 2nd The Vote is unanimous.

Council woman Mead made the motion to adjourn at 8:17pm



Joseph Svingala
Andrew Mead