

## **Town of Pomona Park – Town Council Meeting Minutes** **November 8, 2022 (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, Public Works Supervisor Bruce Wolfred

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 approve meeting minutes on October 11, 2022, and Councilmember Eckels 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion.  
The Vote was unanimous.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Kelly reviewed the check register. No Further Review.

No Beautification Meeting was had in November, and it has been moved to the following Monday.

The beautification Report was completed by Councilman Eckels, and he reviewed the income report. The Minutes were reviewed, and Monster Mash details were reviewed. Larry Flaman and Councilman Eckels picked up four pickup truckloads of trash. After the yard sale. Trunk or Treat was a great success. Kids and parents are very polite. The Mats for the Community Center have been put in. The Gift Basket for Christmas has been built. Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, who will cover the expenses? Reviewed Community Garden ideas. Income from Monster Mash \$218, deputy \$90, Community Center Rental \$125.

Larry Flaman 204 Perry St. the types of things the Beautification does shouldn't be bumped off. Kelly explained that if the Beautification used the center on the breakfast day, they wouldn't be charged a separate fee.

Beautification purchased a fog machine for seven years, along with signs.

The dance was a loss with the rental and deputy, and purchases.

Larry Flaman- wants to clarify the numbers do not pay for the rentals.

A review of all the finances was given. Income was reviewed for the breakfast and yard sale, and raffle. The yard Sale was a success.

Mayor Joe stated he thought the dance was great. He reviewed the Candy Drop. It's a huge success. Mayor Joe let the Beautification Committee know that the community center wasn't cleaned after the last breakfast.

The Community Garden needs to be voted on before anything can be spent on it. It needs to be voted on before anything happens. He wants to meet with Tim Parker on the property to have the 115 Broward turned over to the Town. Mayor Joe does not think the Town should be paying taxes on the property.



Linda Stutto Palm Ave- Asked about what property the mayor was speaking of.  
Mary Garcia- asked why the property was paying taxes if the Town was renting.  
Larry Flaman-asked about what a subcommittee can do and can't.  
Larry is questioning what projects they are expected to do.

Councilman Warren reviewed the Code Enforcement cases that are active for the Town.  
Two properties on Pleasant Street are County Code Cases.  
Letters have gone out to multiple properties.  
Councilman Eckels reviewed Roads and Streets, Perry Street Culvert. He is requesting it to be closed off because of the runoff.  
A proposed subdivision for Taylor, Dawson, and Fruitland.  
Mayor Joe brought up the Light up Stop Signs and the location.  
Bruce explained that the signs need to be in a well-lighted area.  
Larry Flaman flooding from the North side of Perry drains into my property by fixing the Culvert, and it will only make it worse for us. The Residents did not want to sign off on the easement to allow the Town to move forward on it.  
Bruce explained that he was just trying to repair the problem.

Joyce Svingala 118 Sunny Lane, is representing the Senior Project. She explained all the programs that the senior Program offers. Every year they make a contribution. Ms. Joyce is giving a check for \$600 to help with expenses.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony- Community Center will need to be purchased  
Councilwoman Evans motioned to spend up to \$2,000 on the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony out of ARPA. Councilwoman Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. The Vote was Unanimous.

Bruce Wolfred proceeds to approve a Chipper. Bruce is asking for a not to exceed the amount of \$27,683.23. Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve Bruce to go out to Bid for a chipper for \$27,683.23. Councilman Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion.  
Larry Flaman asked if it could be purchased from Better Place  
Vote Unanimous.

Bruce Wolfred- Kubota Tractor purchase approval. Bruce explained the need for a larger new tractor. The Town would surplus the old tractor. Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve the purchase of the new tractor for \$36,859. Councilman Eckels and Dr. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. The Motion was unanimous.  
David Obrien asked what the Town does with the old equipment. Bruce explained it goes to surplus.

#### New Business

Approval to go out to bid for the ADA Bathrooms-  
Bruce met with Mittaurer. He is asking for approval to proceed with Mittaurer. This is an ARPA project. Councilwoman Evans motioned to go out for Bid for the ADA bathrooms. Councilman Eckels 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Bruce Wolfred- Perry Street Culvert

Councilman Evans motioned to approve the Bid for Culvert \$1,425 for Perry Street

Councilwoman Mead 2<sup>nd</sup>

Nah, from Councilman Eckels.

Bruce Wolfred- Proposed Streets Dawson, Fruitland & Taylor. They are Town Streets and not maintained. A survey would need to be completed. The land owner has cleaned the property around Dawson.

Bruce Wolfred- A, B, and May are \$72,245 to approve to go out for Bid. This will come out of the Better Place Fund. Councilwoman Evans motions to bid for A, B, and May not to exceed. Councilman Warren 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. Bruce explained that he needed to do some work on Palm to do some repairs to help stabilize it.

Resident on Palm Ave stated that Palm “is a disaster. My neighbor cannot even ride his motorcycle.”

Mayor Joe explained we are not ignoring Palm. We need to find the funds for this project. The Vote was unanimous.

Bruce explained the swings for the parks are all rusted so that we can get coated chains.

A discussion was had about the different swing options.

A motion for the purchase of \$800 out of ARPA for new chains.

The Vote was unanimous.

Deputy Patrols- Town Clerk reviewed the patrols, the cost, and what was happening.

Moving forward with canceling the random patrols.

Mayor Joe- Seasonal Employee Jeff to move full-time with benefits. Councilwoman Evans motioned to move Jeff Bernanrd to work full-time with benefits. Councilman Eckels 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. The Vote was Unanimous.

Upcoming Events-

Mary Garcia- Economic Development meeting will be held at the Welaka Woman's Club at 6 pm.

Larry Flaman- They had a pamphlet for the events at the Waterways and Trails meeting. Larry would like to put something together for the event.

Town Clerk Andrea will put something together for the magazine.

Mayor Joe is postponing the chat with the Mayor for the time being.

Senior Program offers Thanksgiving Dinner.

Tree Lighting will start at 5 pm.

Mayor Announced that the parks and office would be closed on Thursday due to the storm.

Councilwoman Evans stated that the sidewalk at the Community Center overflow parking lot needs to be repaired.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adjourn at 8:19 pm.

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Andrea ...  
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