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

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022 (6:00 pm) This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public**

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.

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Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag. The Meeting started at 6:03 pm.

Town Clerk Andrea read the Correspondence list.

**Minutes of Council Meeting**

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the minutes of June 14, and Special Meeting June 16, Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Unfinished Business:**

Deputy Clerk Kelly reviewed the financials. No questions asked.

Beautification, Councilwoman Linkswiler gave a review on the 4th of July event. $82 for the raffle baskets, $180 for the concession stand. $299 from Breakfast. A total of $1386 was brought in. Some items purchased will be used with future projects.

Martha Mann asked to speak on a proposed Labor Day Event. To be hosted at the Community Center from 10-5. A block party with vendors, food trucks, inside and out. They would like to set up handicap parking across the street at the small lot. The beautification committee is asking the town to cover the cost of a deputy. Also, a till of $125 to be kept in the front office for events. A discussion was had about the expenses of the events and how much is being brought in by the committee. Signs were purchased for $450 for more events. Feedback was given on issues with parking and the gift baskets.

Councilman Eckels motioned to approve the Labor Day event and Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve for a deputy for the Labor Day Event up to 5 hours to be at the Community Center. Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. A discussion was had on the effectiveness of the deputies. The vote was unanimous.

A meeting will be set up between the new chair of beautification Martha Mann, the Mayor, and Town Clerk and one non-voting person of Martha’s choice to review policy and procedures.

**Committee Reports**-

Parks & Recreation Mayor Joe- We are getting closer to going out to bid for the CDBG projects, it’s looking like August or September. Some items need improvements at the parks such as the pickleball court and the small kid’s toys. The FDRAP is used for just that upgrading the parks.

**Public Works Bruce Wolfred-** No injuries since have been hired on in 2019, saving the Town money. No major equipment has been out of commission in the last quarter. 107 bags of garbage have been removed from the roadways. The new marquee and flashing stop signs have been installed. The steps and back deck at the community center have been painted. We have added a new team member Jeff. We have started with the new software program for Public Works, its up and fully running. We have officially received approval for the shop. The Ball field has been prepped for the July 3rd event. Conducted the annual audit and inventory and everything is accounted for. Two fallen oaks have been removed. 30 loads of fallen debris & tree limbs have been hauled away. Bruce spoke to the Council on the need for a new chain saw with all the tree work that is being done. He is looking at a 24inch around $500.

Mayor Joe asked about the need to rent a mulcher. Bruce will look into the cost a chipper for the next meeting.

**Update on the Florida Clean Air Act**-The Governor has approved the Bill. An Ordinance will need to be written up to bring to the Council to approve.

**New Business**:

Town Clerk Andrea read Ordinance 2022-1 by title only. Councilman Warren motioned to adopt 2022-1. Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. A discussion was had. This will need to go to the voters if approved by Council. A vote was had 6-1 with Councilman Eckels apposed.

**Trim** Town Clerk Andrea-reviewed the Rollback rate of 4.4418 and explained that it was due to the updated Tangible property value from the audit.

**Weed Removal at the Beach**- Town Clerk Andrea the swimming area at the beach needs to be cleared and we have had an offer of $1,400 to clean the area. Public Works Bruce explained to properly keep the area clean it will need to be chemically sprayed. Treasurer Kelly explained that we still have money in the budget for the beach. Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow spending up to $5,500 from the budget to clean the beach area. Councilman Warren 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Town Clerk- Website** Andrea explained the need for a new updated user-friendly town page. Town Clerk explained the benefits of Civic Plus and the cost associated with a new page. Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow Civic Plus to create a new website for the town along with the yearly cost. Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. A discussion was had. The vote was unanimous.

**Removal of Town Asset**- Removal and disposal of Fridge located at Ballfield concession stand. Councilwoman Mead motion to allow the removal and disposal of the Fridge, Councilwoman Evans 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Mayor Joe Photo Contest**- approved to allow a photo contest for the town.

**ARPA update**

Reviewed

**Public Comments**- Martha Mann asked the Council about having a dance in August. It was suggested to move it to next months agenda for approval.

**Budget Workshops** for July 28, August 4, August 18 at 6pm

Councilwoman Mead motioned to approve and Councilman Warren 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Upcoming Events**reviewed

Councilwoman Mead made a motion to adjourn. 8:30pm.