

Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Lynda Linkswiler(Absent), CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, Dr. Robert Warren, , Town Attorney Bobby Pickens, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Finance Officer Jennifer Paul

Councilwoman Linkswiler motioned to excuse Dr. Warren from tonight's meeting, and Councilwoman Evans 2nd the Motion. Motion Passes.

The mayor led in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.
The Town Council Meeting began at 6:04 pm.

The Town Clerk read the correspondence.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the meeting minutes, and Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion.

Mary Garcia stated she wanted to change the minutes from the previous meeting.

The vote passes with no objection.

Mayor Svingala asked if anyone wanted to correct the minutes.

Councilwoman Kuleski motioned to correct the minutes for the adoption of Mary Garcia's email.

Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion.

The vote passes.

The minutes will be updated to reflect Mary Garcia's email, to say a state Congressman.

Mayor Joe read allowed the Proclamation 2024-03, Government Finance Professionals Week March 18-22, 2024.

Treasurer Jennifer Paul went over the financials—no questions from the Council.

Tree Report Councilwoman Mead- Arbor Day was held on Jan 12 at the Public Works facility.

The staff were thanked for their help.

Mayor Svingala read the proclamation and dedicated a plaque to Nate and Pat Mead.

Councilwoman Mead thanked the Council and said it would be in front of the new oak tree planted.

The Town celebrated 33 years of Tree City. One tree was planted, and five trees were removed.

Councilwoman Mead is requesting a resolution for a border between properties and

Councilwoman Mead is asking that a wooden fence be erected on town property between private property.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow Public Works to install a wooden fence around the park property located next to the private residence, and Councilwoman Linkswiler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The next tree board is in June.

Beautification Report-Councilwoman Linkswiler reviewed the activities for the last month.

Upcoming Events were reviewed.



A Fundraiser will be March 18, 25th with the Dunns Creek State Park, it's an Antique Boat parade.

March 30 is the Easter Egg Hunt at 10am located in Mayor's Park.

April 6th is breakfast, community garden dedication.

Mayors Park Founders Day May 18.

Community Day after June breakfast.

Free Chicken Dinner to anyone that attends the forum for Public Candidates.

The cost for the event is less than \$100, the chicken was donated, and they would not charge for it.

Martha suggested that the big event at Dunns Creek, if the police are going to be there then charge for parking.

Presentation by Capital City Bank

Michele Pellino- explained her connection with Capital City. The accounts are structured for what was beneficial a few years ago. A new account style now, if the account was changed it could the town would collect 1900 in the month of Jan alone. The rate is 2% to 5%. No changes to the accounts just flipping a switch to collect the higher interest. This could begin as early as April.

Fraud Solutions is positive pay, that the payee's name and the check number and account number.

Writing less checks and using more ACH payments, adding an earnings credit.

The hybrid relationship allows every single account to earn interest. The CDBG account is the only one that is not allowed to collect interest.

The Town has two grants that have been approved for \$400,000. The bank offers a draw down line of credit. You can advance credit, limits your borrowing for only the amount borrowed.

They mirror the maturity by the date of completion. If you need to ask for more money from the grant, they just need the approved contract of the grant.

The pricing is the one-month c.m.e. , 5.6% that plus 3- 6.57 it is a variable rate. The payment can be interest only or reimbursement paid in full.

Due in full on maturity. It was asked if a maximum.

Restructuring the account to collect more interest. The most it could cost would be 208 from the earnings credit.

The cost of the loan would be around \$500.

Councilwoman Evans made a motion to implement the treasurer managements solutions that will go into effect April 1st. Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion. No questions. The motioned passed all ayes.

ARK- Diane Kelly presented for Animal Rescue Konsortium.

She explained the background of the program.

To get to the root cause of the issue. The cost of getting animals spayed or neutered.

The vision is to be the key source for low-cost animal welfare. We are actively working on a grant for a trailer.

The grant has not been approved yet. It could be for a mobile veterinary clinic. The funds dedicated are contingent on receiving the grant. I am asking for a commitment to help with the 25% to receive the grant.

Diane Kelly showed her slide show.

Asking for a commitment, providing that if the grant is secured, a donation asking for funds.

As of right now, this is a one-time cost, this is the cost of the veterinarian and supplies but at a one-time expense.

Councilwoman Evans asked what the cost would be for the services.

The average would be \$50 for a cat and \$75 for a dog.

But it depends on the grants. Mayor Joe stated the money isn't in the budget for donations. A suggestion was that if the \$5,000 for our community. And the Town would give the voucher.

Would the town be open to looking at how many residents from Pomona Park.

Mayor Joe asked about the advertisement and whether we would receive updates on how much Pomona Park has utilized the service.

Social Media, Newspaper, and Shelters in Putnam County.

It was asked how they would communicate with the Spanish-speaking community.

Larry Flaman asked about asking Beautification and LBA for a donation.

A discussion was had about where the money could come from and to look for a commitment.

Councilwoman Mead stated the money should go into next year's budget.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to commit to \$5000 with the contingency that the grant is approved for the trailer. Councilwoman Kuleski 2nd. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk Andrea read aloud Resolution 2024-03

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03 in support of ARK, Councilwoman Mead 2nd. The motion passes.

Discussion for a leave of absence Mayor Joe.

Mayor Joe explained that the policy says you need to give a reason for the leave.

Set forth the facts in the minutes. No further discussion was had.

The Town set the date and time for the next hearing on the Zoning Change for the property on 134 Sisco Rd. It will be April 2nd at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

The town set a special meeting for April 23 for Mittauer to come and discuss the sewer projects.

Mayor Svingala spoke about the Town Clerk Certification and a pay increase.

Mayor Svingala suggested increasing the pay to \$32 dollars an hour.

Councilwoman Mead made the motion. The Town Attorney suggested the motion for the next Council Meeting; this will go to next month's agenda.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow Jennifer Paul to go to Boot Camp. Councilwoman Kuleski 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Evans made the motion to allow Town Clerk Andrea to attend the Summer Conference in Orlando, and Councilwoman Mead seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to allow Jennifer to go to the Summer Conference in Diplomat, Hollywood, FL. And Councilwoman Evans 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Council approved to allow Andrea and Jennifer to go to Orlando for May the Preferred Insurance Summit.

Town Clerk Reviewed Code Enforcement

Mayor Svingala reviewed the Upcoming Events.

Public Comments

Tony Cuevas asked why the Council approved the zoning changes.

Larry Flaman—Water Ways and Trail: They had people from FDOT come in and speak about the Beltway and housing development.

It was mentioned that the town sign was being improved upon. Larry had a suggestion for landscaping the sign.

Larry handed out a picture of the sign.

Councilwoman Linkswiler spoke about the Community Center meeting. She talked about the revenues that the park will bring to the town. With a bed tax, the property tax will increase.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn at 9:11 pm.

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is larger and more legible, appearing to read 'Angela'. The second signature is smaller and more stylized.