

## Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 09, 2024

This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public

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

Mayor Svingala led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence.

Town Council Meeting Began with Mayor Joe reading a letter from Councilman DR. Robert Warren, with his resignation.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the meeting minutes, and Councilwoman Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The date of the meeting needs to change. The vote was unanimous.

The mayor adjusted the meeting to move the reading of Ordinance No 2024-03.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the Ordinance no 2024-03 based upon staff's recommendations. Councilwoman Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Attorney Jerimiah Blocker spoke about the concerns about the zoning property.

Traffic impact and the Comp Plan policy do not fall under the code. Environmental assessment is not complete. A wildlife assessment needs to be made as to how it will affect the animals.

The clients are the Chambliss Family. No transportation impact study. The Recreational zoning, the zoning code allows for information to help provide this. The primary Goal is to help and influence the PUD to help the community grow and how it will impact the town. Michael Lanzer- Asked about zoning, the changes, and the reason for the new meeting. And is asking for the minutes of the planning and zoning of all the changes before the first zoning change.

John Horan- addressing the traffic impact will have to be done, and all environmental orders will have to be completed. You cannot build a community without all the legal hurdles.

Tony Cuveas- asked if all these things should be completed before the zoning change is done.

All in favor of the motion -passed unanimously.

A five-minute recess was had.

Back at 6:30 from recess

Mayor Svingala read the 2024 Water Proclamation

Mayor Svingala read the 2024 Municipal Clerks Week on May 5 and May 11.

Jennifer Paul reviewed last month's financial reports.

Jennifer explained the new budget transfer.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve the budget transfer of 2024- 1, and Councilwoman Linkswiler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

No discussion was had.

The vote was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Linkswiler went over the Beautification Report for the Events and Breakfast. An Easter egg hunt was held. The Garden dedication was postponed.

Founders Day Market is from 8 am- 2 pm on May 18.

Martha Mann- Community Garden will meet with the school to start the process of creating the mural in the garden. Martha would like to propose a plan to work with the Town and make the green space a neighborhood park. This would be for the following budget year. No projects will be completed before they are put in. The Beautification would need funding and working with staff to aid and assist. Councilwoman Mead asked why we needed another park.

To help clean up the blight in the neighborhood.

A discussion was had about what could be done with the property.

June 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-4 will be the candidate forum. If you are a confirmed candidate, please reach out to Martha.

Mayor Svingala recommends a merit increase for the Town Clerk after receiving her CMC. The Town has never had a certified clerk. Mayor Svingala recommended the increase to \$32.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to raise the pay to \$33, and Councilwoman Kuleski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Councilwoman Mead spoke on the Town Clerk's merit, what she has worked towards, and what it takes to get certified.

Councilwoman Evans mentioned the CAP for the pay. Being mindful of what the pay goes to.

Mayor Svingala asked about the pay and the supervisor.

A discussion was had about Town Clerk Andrea.

Larry Flaman spoke about how a professional person is commenced with a salary.

Mayor Svingala explained that someone covering the clerk costs \$75 an hour.

The vote was unanimous that the Clerk's Pay should go to \$33 an Hour, effective April 8, 2024.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt Resolution No 2024-04 and Councilwoman Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

No discussion was had Unanimous.

Motion Passes with no dissent.

Matters not on the agenda.

Councilwoman Evans spoke about the tennis court area at Mayors Park. The fence line is full of leaves and must be cleaned and shoveled out.

Going into the park where the basketball courts are located a wheelchair ramp needs to be added. On the hill where you enter the small area to the courts, people are falling, and some kind of fencing needs to be put up for safety.

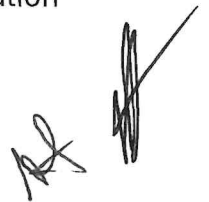
Mayor Svingala spoke about the personnel gate at the park, as well as a recommendation for the ramp and a wheelchair ramp.

The Community Center needs to be pressure washed.

A schedule for cleaning the outside of the community center.

A bench at Mayors Park needs to be repaired. A board is loose on the bench.

A discussion of hydrant repair was held.



It was asked about safety and a guardrail.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve up to \$6,000 for the repair of the fire hydrant, Councilwoman Linkswiler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Town Clerk Andrea spoke about the blighted property on B St.

Councilwoman Evans spoke about the bricks that are available to purchase for the new Memorial Park.

#### Public Comments

Larry Flaman talked about the beach park and the modifications he suggested.

He handed out a drawing.

The issue is the kayak launch and the swimming area.

He would like to see a buoy line for a safety issue.

The people in the town don't have access to fishing.

Cut the buoy line at the middle pole and bring it to the existing pier. They could fish from the end. The roof is an issue. Take the metal off. This would open the beach to fishing, and if we have the kayak launch, they will survey the lake to see if fish are needed. If the bottom needs to be cleaned.

90 percent of the town does not have access to the lake. Councilwoman Evans asked how you ensure the hooks don't enter the swimming area. A discussion was had about fishing and safety.

Tony Cuevas spoke about the open seats and petitioned for a seat on the council.

Upcoming Events was reviewed.

The town clerk asked about the second zoning reading, which has been moved to Monday, April 29, at 6:00 pm Community Center.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn at 7:38 pm.



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