

Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

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, Bud Eckels, Town Attorney Bobby Pickens, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Finance Officer Jennifer Paul, and Public Works Superintendent Bruce Wolfred

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag. A Moment of Silence for Joseph Svingala Jr. Meeting Called to order at 6:00 pm.

Correspondence

Read by Town Clerk Andrea Almeida

Adopt Minutes

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the minutes of 10/10, and Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion.

The Vote was Unanimous.

Unfinished Business

Jennifer reviewed the check register for the month of October, Trial balance reviewed- no questions.

Beautification- Councilwoman Linkswiler- Martha Mann reviewed the beautification committee- award winner Rodney and Traci Maine.

Monster Mash Halloween dance was a success; next year, there will be no fee for the dance.

Everybody's having a yard sale very successful,

Holiday Market and Breakfast for the first Sat of December.

Christmas Dinner will be on the 23rd.

The first Saturday of breakfast in Jan no further events afterwards,

Landscaping at the community center will begin after the memory stones have been moved.

The community garden has started the winter planting. Martha is asking for permission to put a sign in the community garden.

This will have sponsors listed on the back and events on the front. 3x4 sign that they use the remaining \$500 funds of the ARPA.

Councilwoman Evans motions to allow the Beautification Committee to use up to \$500, and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion.

The location needs to be approved by Bruce.

The motion passed unanimously.

Community Feedback- the light on the town sign needs to be replaced.

Positive Feedback about the Town and Town Council

Mayor Joe asked about the trees purchased for the garden.
The Committee is looking to add fruit trees for the garden's future.

Guest Speaker

Florida League of Mayors and Business Watch Florida League of Mayors Executive Director Jeff Branch

Mr. Branch spoke on the dedication of Memorial Park and thanked all the Council for participation in the Florida League of Mayors association.
Bruce Wolfred gave an update on the progress of Memorial Park. Alliance Pavers will be donating bricks for the project.
The Town will pour the two angled walls, will be donating the blocks.

Brendan McKitrick from James Moore
Brendan thanked the Council and staff for the help.
Brendan spoke about the audit being late, but it was a communication error.
Brendan explained the letter and the auditor's responsibilities.
2 comments that need to be corrected.
Preparation of financial statements
Completing a complete set of financial statements
Florida Auditor Report- the budget didn't balance.
Financial Highlights
ARPA funds made a big jump. Roads and Streets increase.
The General Fund went up with the ARPA funds.
Better Place fund increased.
Fuel Tax fund increased.

Eric Anderson from NEFRC
To Discuss the EAR compliance contract
The town's comprehensive plan was last in 2013; you must now start addressing the comp plan.
The town needs to update by 2024 – March.
Any time you try to do a map amendment, the state will not allow you to.
Map amendments, public comment hearings, and final adoption.
Public workshops can be anywhere before Feb 29, 2024.
The State didn't accept the grant application and the Town Cost is \$26,000.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to accept the scope of work and the contract of \$26,000 with NEFRC .

Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion.

The vote is unanimous.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve Resolution 2023-10 Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion



The vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing Items

None

New Business

Town Treasurer Jennifer Paul 90 Days evaluation

Mayor Joe stated how great she is doing, and he feels like she should be an exemption for up to Two dollars.

Councilwoman Evans motioned that she receives the \$1 Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion.

Councilman Eckels rescinded his 2nd.

Councilwoman Evans's motion dies with a lack of 2nd.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to raise the wage \$2 and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion.

The vote was 5.-1 Councilwoman Evans-Nay

Councilmember Mead recognized Town Clerk Andrea for receiving her CMC.

Bruce Wolfred presented the request to go out for bid Cedar, Pine, Railroad and Pleasant Intersection.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to go out to bid for Cedar, Pine and Railroad and Pleasant, Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Bruce Wolfred spoke about the flags on the street light poles. The flags went up for 4th of July through Memorial Day.

FPL sent the town a form for flags to go out for Nov and Dec.

Town Clerk Andrea will contact DOT to find out about the flags.

Mayor Joe will go to the VFW.

Councilman Eckels thanked Bruce for getting the ditches cleaned.

Larry Flaman thanked Bruce also for getting the ditches taken care of.

Councilwoman Evans motioned for the Hills Hardware Bill to be paid for \$8,513.84. Councilman Eckels and Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion.

The vote is unanimous.

Town Attorney Bobby spoke about the Copier collection account and is looking into this matter.

Discussion of the Town Council

Councilman Eckels asked about the Beach Property.

The Town Attorney has given his opinion on the beach that the town does not need to do anything at the moment.

Councilman Eckels announced that the next meeting may have been his last, but he has changed his mind. He is holding off on it.

Town Attorney Bobby will be on the next agenda for Form 6.

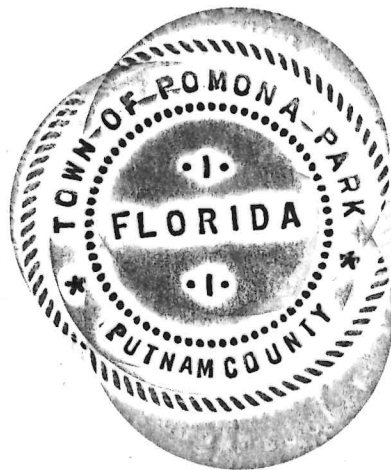
Councilwoman Linkswiler needs to be excused for the meeting of 10/10.

Councilman Eckels motioned to excuse Councilwoman Linkswiler from 10/10 and Councilwoman Evans 2nd this.

Upcoming Events Reviewed

Councilwoman Linkswiler mentioned the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Community Center with the Beautification and the Senior Program at 12pm

Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn 7:54pm.



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