

Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 12, 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.
Meeting Called to order at 6:00 pm.

Correspondence

Read by Town Clerk Andrea Almeida

Adopt Minutes

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the council meeting minutes of 11/14/2023, Councilman Dr. Warren and Councilwoman Mead both seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Treasurer Jennifer reviewed the check register and the trial balance. No questions asked.

December Tree Board Meeting

Councilwoman Mead spoke about how fantastic the second tree-lighting ceremony was. Councilwoman Mead thanked all the volunteers. The Christmas tree is growing despite being run over, and we are hoping to see the event grow next year. The Arbor Day Foundation has approved the city for its 33rd year. The next meeting is on Jan 9th, and the 34th Arbor Day is at the Hazen Ball Field. The guest will be Blake Josephson, who is at tonight's meeting. The plans are to plant another oak tree in the park.



The last tree was around \$250. Councilwoman Mead requests the Council to help purchase the new tree for Arbor Day. Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow up to \$300 for a tree for Arbor Day, Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. No discussion was had. The vote was unanimous.

Guest Speaker

Forester Blake Josephson spoke about his presence at the Arbor Day celebration and what trees are available at the event. He is requesting anyone in attendance to make a request for what he should bring.

Councilwoman Linkswiler spoke about the Beautification Committee for November and December. Donations have fully funded Christmas Dinner. Beautifications purchased the poinsettias throughout town to help beautify. The two raised beds that will need to be relocated will be used for strawberries for breakfast. A garden dedication will be sometime in April.

The Christmas Light contest will be on the 18th, and winners will be announced on the 19th.

Martha spoke about the dinner. Martha has invited everyone in the room to attend the Christmas Dinner. After dinner, Angels Amongst Us will be giving out the toys that evening.

The committee participated in the parade for Welaka.

Larry Flaman- wanted to thank Martha for all the donations.

Mayor Joe spoke about his nominee for Seat 5, Alisha Keluski; she has been with the sheriff's department for thirty years and now is a middle school teacher. Alisha spoke of her history of the area and her background. Councilwoman Evans motioned to nominate Alisha as seat five, and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. No further discussion. The Vote was unanimous.

Aquatic Management Quotes- Bruce Wolfred



Town Clerk Andrea explained that FWC changed the process, forcing us to apply for a new permit for weed cleaning. Bruce gave a breakdown of the quotes and the areas covered from the east side to the fence. This would start in January. Martha asked if it was just spraying or weed removal. Bruce explained that it's just spraying. June asked if it affects the animals. Larry asked about Lilly Pads. Bruce explained that the Lilly pads would be gone from the swimming area.

Councilwoman Evans motions to accept the quote for Aquatic Management for quarterly and a one-time removal. Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Clerk Andrea reviewed the ARPA funds for the Town.

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Town Attorney Bobby Pickens reviewed FORM 6 and the difference between it and Form 1.

Due July 1st.

Significant Changes real property household goods, address of real property homestead.

Liabilities of \$1,000.

Disclose public salary.

Holiday Events Reviewed

Town Clerk Andrea and Treasurer Jennifer thanked everyone for their event help.

Councilman Eckels motioned to allow Town Clerk Andrea to attend the Insurance Summit, and Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Eckels read his resignation.

Upcoming Events

Reviewed by Mayor Joe



Christmas Dinner and Toys

Town Office Closed

Public Comments

Larry Flaman thanked Councilman Eckels for his service and welcomed the new member.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn at 7:16 pm

Mayor G. ...
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