

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF MAY 24, 2005
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Mark McGrath at Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Mark McGrath

Aldermen: Charles Jessup
Joe McCann
David Piwonka
Rick Staigle

and the following absent:

Alderman: Terry Henley

thus constituting a quorum.

Judge Faye Dettling, Justice of the Peace for Fort Bend County Precinct 3, swore in city officials as follows: Alderman Place No. 5 Rick Staigle. Alderman Place No. 4, Terry Henley was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will be sworn into office privately on a later date.

Police Captain Gary Stewart gave the police report. He said that in the last 30 days, seven reportable accidents occurred, 12 arrests were made, there were 804 calls for service and 408 citations and 84 warnings were issued.

Public Works Director Dan McGraw said that in the past month ECO Resources responded to 88 water related service calls. Of these, 77 were the city's responsibility and 11 were on private lines. 17.5 million gallons of water were pumped in April compared to 14.6 million gallons pumped in March. To date there has been one water main break for 2005, occurring on May 20th. There were four sewer related service calls for April, all on private lines. Phase 3 pavement repairs are continuing and Phase 3 sidewalk repairs are scheduled to begin next Wednesday. Tree trimming along the sound wall should be complete by next Monday. The last two double lamp street light poles on Kirkwood were installed this morning and will be lit for the first time on Wednesday night.

Parks Director Terry Modeland gave a grant update. She said Phase 1 is complete, the final reports are in and we are waiting for a final reimbursement from Texas Parks & Wildlife. At the sewer plant the city is stockpiling granite for the trail and a kiddie cushion material for underneath the playground equipment. We are purchasing a Gator vehicle to make transportation of these products easier. Phase 2 – tennis court lights and fencing will go out for bids shortly. Bids for tennis court surface repairs are scheduled to be opened this Friday. The pool deck will not be bid until the fall to accommodate the swim team. Grant funding for Phase 3 is still in jeopardy, and we won't know until at least August if there will be any funds available. The parking lot is complete and "No Parking" and "Park Here" signs have been ordered.

Parks Director Monya Keenen reported on the first Barefoot 'n Friday event of this year, held on May 20th. She said there were close to 150 kids attending. Green shirts were for sale. The pool opened to the public last weekend. Splash Night will be held on June 3rd from 6-9 p.m. YMCA day camp is scheduled to begin with at least 35 to 40 paid registrants to date. An animal wellness clinic will be held at the Community Center this Sunday from 11-3.

There were no audience comments at this time.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath said he had received a planning and zoning request from Ayrshire Corporation for a planned development on the Northwest corner of West Airport and Kirkwood which contains a strip center anchored by a Wells Fargo branch bank on one end. A Diamond Shamrock service station is planned for the corner. They will meet with the Planning Commission on June 2nd and a public hearing is being called tonight for June 28th. On July 7th Planning and Zoning will meet to deliberate information received at the public hearing and, if they decide to make a recommendation to Council, Council can meet on July 12th to review and act on the recommendation.

During Council comments, Councilmember Jessup remarked the city has a very pro active Mayor and there is a lot going on in Meadows Place.

Margaret Sandlin then presented a scholarship on behalf of Meadows Home and Garden Club to Jonathan Gee.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO SERVE IN SUCH OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR CITY ELECTION.

Mayor McGrath noted Councilmember Terry Henley, the previous Mayor Pro Tem has been active on the city's behalf in the Texas Municipal League, the Houston-Galveston Area Council, and the Texas Association of Regional Councils and he recommended Council reappoint Councilmember Henley as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-21**, to reelect Terry Henley as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Meadows Place until the next general election. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS ENTITLED "GARBAGE, TRASH AND WEEDS," ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "WEEDS AND OFFENSIVE CONDITIONS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY," BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "TREE STUMPS" AND BY INSERTING A NEW SEC. 16-47 THEREUNDER ENTITLED "REMOVAL OF TREE STUMPS".

There are large trees in resident's yards that are beginning to cause foundation problems. While many of these trees are being removed, some of the stumps are being left in the ground creating an aesthetically displeasing sight. Councilmember Jessup noted some of the stumps are used to decorate the resident's property. Some of them look good, others do not. Mayor McGrath said this ordinance will require "all premises and exterior of a property" to "be maintained free from tree stumps of any height. Upon the removal of the tree, all tree stumps shall be ground to ground level." Council felt it would be better to add the words "or cut" to ground level so that the ordinance will read "...shall be ground or cut to ground level..." Councilmember Staigle made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-22**, as read by Mayor McGrath and amended with the words "or cut". Councilmember McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Expenditures to Bailey Architects for fire station documents in the amount of \$14,282.33, to CenterPoint Energy for \$8,598.00 to move a gas line at 11803 Kirkwood, to J. Grady Randle for \$7,829.19 for April legal services and to Texas Fence Co. for \$12,501.00 for the parking lot fence were presented to Council for approval. Councilmember McCann made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Councilmember Jessup seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

At this time Marti Pattinson asked if anything was being proposed for the Southwest corner of West Airport and Kirkwood. Mayor McGrath said Ayrshire still owned the corner and thought they were considering a coffee shop such as Starbucks and a Kolache shop for it.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary