

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:45 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:	Terry Henley Charles Jessup Joe McCann David Piwonka Rick Staigle

thus constituting a quorum.

Mrs. Molly Levin, with McCall Gibson and Company, discussed the draft audit for fiscal year 2004-2005 with Council. She said it included comparative data from last year as well as fund summaries. We had \$90,294 more in expenses than in revenues. This was due to funds realized from the sale of land to CVS Pharmacy being transferred to the Capital fund to use for capital projects. Our new bond issue was added to the audit. The budget comparison shows that while we received more in revenues, our expenses also increased slightly. Councilmember McCann made a motion to accept the presentation of the audit in draft form and move on to finalize it. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Staigle and approved by unanimous consent.

Captain Jack Ashton reported on police activity since the last regular council meeting. He said there were four reportable accidents, 15 arrests, 1085 calls for service, two city ordinance citations, 569 traffic citations and 136 traffic warnings issued. Captain Ashton said that last night a new waiter at Pappas Grill was leaving work and was attacked and robbed of his tip money. Although he was in a dark area, he was able to get a good description of the vehicle the perpetrator was driving as well as the license plate number. Also, two motor vehicles were broken into during the previous month. In both cases items were visible from the window that the robbers wanted. Meadows Place Police made 291 business checks in the last month. They are continuing to be pro active in the community. They made 209 close patrols during the month (where there was concern about the properties) and 217 house watches were made. There was some criminal mischief that took place that involved spray painting at the park as well as the bridge near the sewer treatment plant. It is believed gangs from other areas were involved. Three residents reported slashed tires in one night. Five incidents of fraud were reported. There were no narcotic related arrests.

The Public Works Department is continuing to do preliminary work for the new sign to be installed at the Community Center. The warm weather is requiring more mowing which is putting tree trimming and plantings at the monument signs to run behind schedule. Phase 3 street improvements are in the final stage.

The Parks and Recreation Department saw bids for Phase 2 grant improvements come in at double the expected cost. As a result they will formalize new plans for the project.

During audience comments, Leslie Smith, a city resident in the Kirkwood Town Homes noted that the sidewalk along the west side of Kirkwood, over the bayou, appeared to be in dangerous condition. Mayor McGrath said he would have the situation looked into.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath reminded everyone that Meadows Elementary PTO was holding the first "Old Towne Meadows" this Friday from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the school.

During Council comments, Councilmember Henley said he will be attending the Association of Mayors, Council and Commissioner's meeting in Corpus Christi. School finance will be one of the topics discussed.

Councilmember Piwonka said he recently was invited to a Boy Scout event where Meadows Place received a Charter Partner Award. Meadows Place, and before them the Meadows Community Improvement Association, has held the Charter for Troop 301 since it was formed. Over 40 boys became Eagle Scouts during this time. A recent ruling prohibits any governmental entities from chartering Scout Troops. Sugar Creek Baptist Church holds the new charter for this group. Mayor McGrath and Council expressed their appreciation to Alderman Piwonka for all the work he has done for Scouting.

Councilmember Henley then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2006 Public Hearing and the January 24, 2006 regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Council then acknowledged receipt of a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning a proposal to amend Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place, entitled "Planning and Zoning Regulations," Article V, entitled "Zoning Regulations," Division 1, entitled "Zoning Districts and Regulations of General Applicability," by adding thereto a new Sub-section (3), to section 24-514, entitled "Off street Parking and Loading," to subsection (b) entitled Required parking". The Commission recommended approval of the proposal which will require garages on all newly constructed residences. Councilmember Jessup made a motion to accept the Planning and Zoning's recommendation as read. Councilmember Staigle seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS", ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "ZONING REGULATIONS", DIVISION 1, ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY", SECTION 24-514, ENTITLED "OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING", SUBSECTION 24-514(B), ENTITLED "REQUIRED PARKING" BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SUBSECTION (3) TO SECTION 24-514(B): "EVERY BUILDING SITE WITHIN ANY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT MUST HAVE A GARAGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-202(60)".

Councilmember Piwonka made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2006-03**, making it mandatory for garages to be built with newly constructed residences as presented. Councilmember Henley seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2006, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICIALS, PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.

Mayor McGrath explained that this year the Mayor and three Aldermen, Positions One, Two and Three are up for election. The election will be held on May 13th and a special meeting will be held on May 16th at 7:00 p.m. to canvass the results. The City will enter into a joint election agreement with Fort Bend County, Fort Bend

Independent School District, the City of Missouri City and the City of Sugar Land. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2006-04**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT IN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE WITH EXCALIBUR PEST CONTROL, INC.

This ordinance is the same as the one passed last year except there is a 7.2% increase in cost due to the rising cost of gasoline. Councilmember McCann made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2006-05**, awarding the mosquito abatement contract to Excalibur Pest Control, Inc. as read. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no audience comments at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary