

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup, 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 Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Charles Jessup

Aldermen: Terry Henley
Rick Staigle
David Wilkens

and the following absent:

Alderman: Heidi Case
Charles Kulhanek

thus constituting a quorum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Henley and Councilmember Wilkens gave the invocation.

There was no officer present to give the Police Report. Mayor Jessup reported that the number of traffic tickets written, which were down in September, was up again for October.

Code Enforcement Officer Tracey Spiller gave a report on activities in her department since she last reported in August. She said many fencing and roof repairs are being made on properties due to damage from Hurricane Ike. She is currently doing annual food service inspections prior to establishments being issued their food service permits. Those establishments that score 95% or better will be recognized in our January 2009 Newsletter. Trees in Meadowglen Section 2 are being trimmed as required. However, the limbs are not always being picked up by the trash company due to their volume and in some cases special arrangements must be made. While observing the tree trimming, Mrs. Spiller noticed a home on Brighton Lane that seemed to have a number of vehicles parked around it during the day. Upon contacting the owner, it was determined that, while he and his spouse lived in Sugar Land, they were using this home to run a business. He was informed this was against the zoning code and he agreed to remedy the situation.

During audience comments, Gary Littlejohn, of the 11900 block of Meadow Trail Lane, said he was concerned that the owners of the mature trees along the entrance at Dorrance might just cut them down rather than trim them as required.

Shad Shreve, of the 12200 block of Hoggard, said the 25th Anniversary Celebration was great. He would like to see fireworks on July 4th as well. His hat is off to Tracey for the great job she does as Code Enforcement Officer. He said to let the Baseball organization know what needs to be done to the baseball fields and people will volunteer their time to help.

Mayor Jessup said the Attorney General has ruled that Council may not speak to any item that isn't already on the agenda, so remarks to resident comments could not be made.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup noted that Heidi Case, Chairperson for the 25th Anniversary Celebration, has lived with the planning and implementation of the event for one year. She was committed to its success and, with the help many volunteers, the event was a huge success. Everyone would like to see an annual show of fireworks. Appearing at the celebration were Mayor Leonard Scarcella of Stafford, along with former Meadows Place Mayors Sue Troyan, Jim McDonald and Mark McGrath. All were given the chance to address the residents present with a few words. Since the event was not budgeted for, many donations were received and commemorative bricks were sold. The bricks will also be sold at Christmas Memories for an increased price of \$60.00. The cost will increase to \$75.00 sometime next year.

Mayor Jessup read from a proclamation issued by our first President, George Washington, in 1789 which gave the reason for a day of Thanks to be celebrated throughout the nation.

The newly renovated Community Center was the site for a FEMA meeting earlier in the month.

Minutes of the October 28, 2008, workshop and regular meetings and the November 2, 2008, special meeting were presented for Council approval. Councilmember Henley made a motion to accept the minutes from the three meetings as presented. Councilmember Staigle seconded this meeting which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Henley made a motion to table the next agenda item, a resolution in support of a Municipal Setting Designation at 12715 Royal Drive in Stafford, Texas, as requested by Analysts Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Staigle and carried unanimously.

Council then conducted their quarterly review of the city's investment portfolio. Councilmember Staigle made a motion to accept the portfolio as presented. Councilmember Wilkens seconded this motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Councilmember Wilkens then made a motion to ratify the expenditures as presented on the agenda. Councilmember Staigle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no audience comments at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary