

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF MARCH 24, 2009
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:34 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: Heidi Case
Terry Henley
Charles Kulhanek
Rick Staigle
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Colors were presented and the pledge to the flag led by members of Boy Scout Troop 731, formerly members of Cub Scout Pack 301.

Councilmember Wilkens led the invocation.

Captain Jack Ashton reported on Police activities since the last Regular Council Meeting. He noted there were four reportable accidents, seven arrests, 1,462 calls for service, no city ordinance citations but 451 traffic related citations issued, 38 offense reports, 16 city ordinance warnings and 89 traffic warnings issued during this time frame for a total of 2067 incidents. Captain Ashton noted there were two incidents of burglaries of motor vehicles, one burglary of a residence and one burglary of an unlocked cigarette cabinet at CVS. Most officers would be on duty during the Meadows School Carnival. Our new officer should be fully trained and on the streets within four weeks.

Director of Public Works, Dan McGraw, gave an update on activities since the December regular Council Meeting. He said that the irrigation on the Dairy Ashford project is complete and the landscaping should be installed within the next two weeks. This is a joint project between Meadows Place and Sugar Land. His department is also installing a small brick project along Pender at the Park. Christmas tree recycling was down from last year with only about 100 trees being recycled. They were all chipped. Thirty-five new street signs and posts are being installed. Weather permitting, tree trimming in the medians will be completed within the next three weeks. He is looking for volunteers to help with storm drain stenciling April 18th and 25th.

Boy Scouts from Troop 731 were recognized for their completion of all requirements for the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award that can be achieved in Cub Scouting. They are also considered Super Achievers because they have completed all 20 achievements that a Cub Scout is eligible to complete. The Scouts are: Christopher Kulhanek, Devon Kulhanek, Brandon Staigle, Jason Swinney and Andrew Wittmann. Mayor Jessup congratulated them noting that Meadows Place was proud of them and their accomplishments.

There were no audience comments at this time.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup noted that: 1: The Fire Department reported 22 total calls for the month of February. These included 16 EMS calls, two motor vehicle accidents, one hazardous materials call and two "good intent" calls. 2. The city held a Vision Meeting on Saturday, February 28th at the Community Center. Focus was on Meadows Place in the year 2024 and discussion was led by professional planners from Marsh Darcy Partners. 3. Public Works Director Dan McGraw led an interesting tour of the Sewer Treatment Plant earlier in the evening. 4.

March is Mail Box month in Meadows Place. Residents who improve their mail boxes will receive a \$5.00 credit on their water bills.

During Council comments Councilmember Henley gave updates on his work with the H-GAC and TML. Councilmember Staigle reminded everyone about Old Town Meadows being held at the school this Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Councilmember Case noted equipment for Salt water Conversion should be completely installed by April 1st. The cost for the conversion should be completely paid for in three years of savings on current costs.

Councilmember Staigle made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2008 workshop and regular meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek and unanimously approved.

Council received the Receipt of Certification of Unopposed Candidates from the City Secretary. Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2.053 OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE DECLARING THE CANDIDATES NAMED HEREIN ELECTED FOR THE OFFICES STATED AS UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES.

This ordinance declared Terry Henley as the winner of Alderman, Place No. 4 and Rick Staigle as winner of Place No. 5 in the General Election that was to be held on May 9, 2009 but was cancelled due to unopposed candidates. Councilmember Kulhanek moved to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2009-07**, as presented. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read a Proclamation naming April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Meadows Place, Texas. When he was finished reading it, he presented the proclamation to John Thompson and Juanita Wharton with the Fort Bend County Child Welfare Association explaining that he was proud and honored to be able to do this.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF ANALYSTS INC. TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) ESTABLISHING THE AREA ENCOMPASSING APPROXIMATELY 0.5-MILE RADIUS FROM 12715 ROYAL DRIVE, STAFFORD, FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS AS A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION SITE.

This is another TCEQ required registration that will not affect our drinking water. Councilmember Staigle made a motion to adopt the resolution, numbered **2009-03**, as presented. Councilmember Henley seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed Ad Valorem exemptions for the 2009 tax year. Currently they are 13% or \$5,000 (whichever is greater), \$30,000 for those over 65 years or age and/or \$5,000 - \$12,000 for disabled veterans. After a short discussion, Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to leave the exemptions as they are now. The motion carried unanimously.

A bill for \$12,198.39 to March Darcy Partners, Inc. was presented to Council for ratification. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case to ratify the expenditure as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no audience comments at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary