

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF JANUARY 26, 2010
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

and the following absent:

Alderman: Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

The pledge to the flag was led by Captain Jack Ashton and Mayor Charles Jessup gave the invocation.

Police Captain Jack Ashton reported on Police activities since the last Regular Council Meeting. He noted there were nine reportable accidents, four arrests, 1813 calls for service, 40 offense reports, 86 traffic citations and 170 traffic and 10 city ordinance warnings issued. There were five motor vehicle burglaries, three residential burglaries and one building burglary. Police officers completed 398 business checks, 544 house watches and 511 property checks during the holiday time period. There was a 65% reduction in burglaries this year from last year's holiday season. Two officers, out of 31 applications, passed background checks. They will be evaluated for the open police officer position.

Terry Modeland, Parks and Recreation Co-Director, gave an update on what's been happening in the last three months. This year's 20th anniversary Christmas Memories event climaxed with a spectacular fireworks display. Public Works finished adding drains to the baseball fields. Scott Holland is especially excited with this addition. Kyle Colligan, who grew up in Meadows Place and is currently a rookie player for the Chicago White Sox, will hold a baseball camp on our fields February 13th and 14th. Mrs. Modeland then gave a power point presentation on facets of the lake to be dug at the park. This lake is part of our Phase 4 Parks and Wildlife grant with most of the city's matching funds coming from Fort Bend County digging the lake for us.

Audience comments will be heard at the end of tonight's meeting.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup noted that: 1: Two public meetings have been held recently. The first, on January 14th at the Community Center, was for residents interested in serving on the MCI Board. The second, on January 19th at City Hall, was to hear residents' comments on Garage Sales. 2: There will be a city election held on May 8th to elect three council members and the Mayor. There will also be an election on the same date to determine residents' desires to change from a Type 4A EDC to a Type 4B EDC, thereby allowing more flexibility in allowed projects. 3: We have started on our rehabilitation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Instead of finding three feet of inorganic silt in the bottom of the first holding tank, we found nine feet. This cleanout should save the city \$20 to 25 thousand in electricity costs and it is being paid for out of bond funds.

Minutes of the December 15, 2009 workshop and regular meetings and the December 21, 2009 special meeting were presented to council for approval. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilmember Staigle seconded this motion which carried unanimously

Captain Ashton then presented the annual Racial Profile Report to Council. He said this is our 8th year of reporting and we have been consistent throughout our reporting process. The basic summary shows the Police Department has been relatively consistent in their contacts. Our data collection methods have been validated. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case to accept the report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to table the review of the Investment Policy. Councilmember Staigle seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

The Investment Portfolio was then presented to Council. It was noted that the city invests only in safe, but liquid, investments. The rate of return is very low. Councilmember Staigle then made a motion to accept the Investment Portfolio as presented. Councilmember Henley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Henley then made a motion to ratify the expenditures of \$20,667.00 to Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep for a new Police vehicle and for \$6,400.00 to Division II + Constructors, Inc. for repairs made to the wrought iron fence along West Airport. Councilmember Kulhanek seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, John Whiteman said many citizens are against making Kirkwood a two lane road with roundabouts at the intersections of the side streets and he would like to see it as a future agenda item.

Janet Pote asked if the City carried insurance since it was planning to put in a lake at the park. The answer was yes.

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 8:35 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary