

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF OCTOBER 23, 2012  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:31 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  
John Isbell  
John Whiteman  
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum

Absent: Terry Morgan

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Secretary Yolanda Wilson and Councilman Wilkens gave the invocation.

Captain Jack Ashton provided the Meadows Place Police Department update. There were 7 accidents reported, 6 arrest and 2186 service calls. There were 40 reports and 360 traffic violations with 0 charges. Residential burglaries were down from 5 to 4 and commercial burglaries were down from 3 to 0. The second Neighborhood Watch meeting was held at the new Tactical Training Center and it was a great turn out from dedicated citizens. Topic covered was How to meet your Neighbor and Protecting your home. National Night Out was a success and Fun Run sponsored by Sugar Groove Church was also a success this year. In-house training at the Training Tactical Center has been going great. The Meadows Place Police Department has hired, Mr. Mezegabe who will begin working as a new officer on November 5. Councilmember Henley stated as a part of the EDC fund and funds from HGAC, there are plans to video officers as they utilize the Tactical Training Center(TTC). Captain Ashton stated yes, some officers are about to become famous and are excited in participating in the filming of the TTC. CM Henley stated that this is what was originally intended was to market the TTC so that other neighboring cities and law enforcement entities would utilize the facilities. Mayor Jessup stated that our folks are involved in making the TTC happen, primarily from Public Works, Police and other city employees. Mayor Jessup commended staff for their efforts. He added that City employees helped with saving taxpayers money by providing all services for TTC in-house instead of hiring outside contractors.

Parks and Recreation Director, Monya Keenan provided update. The Community Center and Pool stayed very busy during the summer months. Our new Aquatic Director Tracey Spiller, hired terrific staff this summer. They had all exceeded audits and the City of Meadows Place should be the recipients of the International Aquatic Safety Platinum Award again for this past summer. Lifeguard staff and Swim team helped with the Guinness Book of World records, World's Largest Swim lesson, 80 participants, held June 14<sup>th</sup>. It turned out that Meadows Place was the only community pool that participated in Fort Bend County. Barefoot Fridays were well attended along with Water Aerobics and Swim Lessons. All our residents look forward to those pool programs. The City of Meadows Place offered Lap swim only Tuesdays and Thursdays to the general public before the City opened to groups or our regular hours and in the evening the City of Meadows Place pool stayed open one extra hour on those evenings and it was reported to me by the staff it was well attended. Wristband access to the pool is the 2<sup>nd</sup> summer the City had this in place. The City showed a \$4,000 profit. Tennis Courts access system is also working out well, showing a profit of \$1,200. The Community Center is the location where the City offered a variety of classes and activities such as Karate, Taekwondo, Gymnastics, Monday Movies, Bingo. Parks and Recreation staff is trying to bring back Ladies Night on a regular basis. The City teamed up with the PARC and hosted a Kid Fish Derby for ages 5-12@7 am, Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. We had 50 kids register that morning. Volunteers from Sugar Grove Church were a very big help with this event. Parks and Recreation staff is hoping to continue this program next summer. Meadows Place received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Government Award category, which recognizes outstanding contributions, to the Texas Environment. The City proudly has it on display in the show case in the lobby. Sugar Grove Christian School hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run in our City last Saturday starting at 8 am. There were a reported 300 registered runners. Sugar Grove Christian School was very appreciative of the support of the City and all the employees that work for them that morning. There were 50 volunteers along with 8 City Police Officers, 2 Public Works employees and 1 Parks and Recreation employee. The Fun Run was responsible for paying for all city employees assigned to work. The swing set in McDonald Park is being replaced due to being unable to replace parts that are no longer up to safety code. Mayor Jessup, Dan McGraw, Public Works Director and Monya Keenan, Parks and Recreation Director will be attending a meeting at CenterPoint Energy to discuss entering into a Landscape lease agreement for the easement that runs from West Airport to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Jessup then made the following comments: 1. The City had 13 EMS calls, 1 structural fire, 2 Fire/Carbon Monoxide alarms, 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents, and 3 other fire related incidents. 2. The Meadows Place Police Department has already started scheduling neighboring cities to train at the Tactical Training Center. 3. Meadows Place Permits Software is now installed and staff have already received training on how to utilize it as well as see the

benefit of having this software to help them better serve the citizens of Meadows Place. 4. Mayor Jessup was recently invited to speak at the Richmond Rotary Club meeting. It was a pleasure as well as an honor to talk about what is going on in the Meadows Place. 5. Pesto held a grand opening this past Sunday, the restaurant offers a variety of Italian delicacies. 6. Early voting has begun and will end on Friday November 2. Election Day is Tuesday November 6.

Councilmember John Isbell made a motion, second by Councilmember Terry Henley to adopt the minutes from the 9/25 Workshop and Regular Meetings.

Councilmember John Whiteman stated that he received several calls from citizens concerning the gas lantern in reference to the City's Zero Tolerance that was recently enforced by Code Enforcement. Councilmember Whiteman stated he was very disappointed in the approach as to how it was done. Councilmember stated that he would like to make three suggestions; City Council to order to enforce these matters by requiring a vote of approval on all Code Enforcement related items; provide adequate notice to citizens, City Council consider passing an Ordinance banning the phrase zero tolerance. Councilmember Whiteman stated that we should pass ordinance requiring City Council passing all City Ordinances prior to implementing these types of actions. All City Ordinances would reflect the notices provided to citizens. Many citizens were not happy as to what they have to do. Councilmember Whiteman stated that he knows the Mayor is going to state that many made their gas lanterns operable however Councilmember Whiteman disagreed as it was highly inconvenient and the citizens should have been given far notice.

Mayor Jessup stated that he will not be following up on anything Councilmember Whiteman had reported as it would be in violation of the open meetings act and that it would be inappropriate as it is assigned solely for Council to provide updates during this time of the meeting.

**Consideration of and action on amending consideration of and action on a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Meadows Place, Texas designating a representative and official alternate to the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the year 2013.**

Councilman John Isbell made a motion and seconded by Councilman Wilkens, to adopt the resolution, numbered **2012-04**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Resolution:

**Consideration of and action on a resolution consideration of and action on a resolution to adopt the Fort Bend Hazard Mitigation Plan, pursue**

**implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments, and shall be at the discretion of the City Council, and the Mayor is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress and prepare annual progress report to be submitted to the Texas Division of Emergency Management that shall be reported by July 1 of each year.**

Councilman Henley made a motion and seconded by Councilman Isbell, to adopt the resolution, numbered **2012-05** as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilkens then made a motion to pay the bill to Bureau Veritas. for \$7,389.89. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whiteman and unanimously approved.

Councilman Terry Henley made a motion to ratify a bill to Randle Law Office, Ltd, L.L.P. for \$7,973.25 and a bill for \$16,995.00 for cement work completed in the city. Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, resident, Israel Morales of 11506 Dorrance. stated that his wife cannot walk on the sidewalk due to the cracks and damage. Mr. Morales asked if the City has a plan for repairing the sidewalks because they are in pretty bad shape. It is becoming difficult to walk especially in the evening with sidewalks being in this condition.

Shirley Isbell of 12326 Scottsdale Drive. reminded the audience about the upcoming Meadows Place Garden Club Craft Show to be held Saturday November 10, 2012 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Handcrafters will be selling items and there will be wooden art, wearables, jewelry, spices, candles, florals, home and holiday décor and just lots of items for people to enjoy.

There being no further business to consider, Councilman Whiteman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

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Yolanda M. Wilson, City Secretary