

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF APRIL 26, 2011  
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: Heidi Case  
Terry Henley  
Shirley Isbell  
Rick Staigle  
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Charles Jessup. Councilmember David Wilkens gave the invocation.

Captain Jack Ashton reported on Police activities since the March regular Council Meeting. He noted there were eight reportable accidents, six arrests, 1459 calls for service, 40 offense reports, 295 traffic citations, no code ordinance violation citations, 46 traffic warnings and six city ordinance warnings issued. There were four motor vehicle burglaries, one residential burglary and zero building burglaries. Officers made 480 business checks, 171 house watches and 580 property checks this past month.

May 7, 2011 is "Salute to Law Enforcement" day. An event will be held at Willowbrook Mall. Last year's event saw 70,000 people within the four hour period of 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This year Meadows Place Police will be there with their Crime Scene Van.

Officer Hodge has completed his treatments with the prominent side effect being fatigue. He expects to be released to full time duty soon.

Meadows Place Elementary was one location chosen to bring a delegation of seven Police Officers from Poland who were visiting with the Fort Bend Sheriff's office to show the interaction between multiple police agencies in the United States.

The incident where a pregnant lady was knocked down and dragged several feet at CVS Pharmacy was solved within 11 days. Seven officers and dispatchers were involved in the resolution.

Captain Ashton said he has just completed Module One of a three week Executive Leadership Development Module at College Station.

Parks & Recreation Director Monya Keenen reported on activities in her department since the January regular Council meeting. A busy spring took place and a busy summer is planned. Events were: the Behr Paint project, swimming pool opening for swim team, hiring this season's lifeguards (congratulations to the entire pool staff for earning a Platinum International Award only given to the top 10% of pools registered with Jeff Ellis Associates throughout the U.S. last season), new pool and tennis court access terms, Splash Night June 10<sup>th</sup>, an Animal Wellness Clinic May 7, three planned Barefoot 'n Friday events and the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

Construction on the new lake began March 7<sup>th</sup> and things are moving fast. The electricity was inspected this morning, a pump is scheduled to be installed tomorrow. Light will be installed shortly. Two aerators will be installed just before the lake begins to be filled. The bridge will be completed by the end of the week. The 24X24 pavilion is being installed on the North West side of the jogging trail. We hope to reopen the jogging trail on June 1.

The Fire Department is working hard with the Police Department and other emergency employees. They hope to run some emergency scenarios in June.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup: 1: Said our budget season is fact approaching. Increasing gas prices will impact the police, public works and garbage budget. He thanked Councilmember Staigle for setting up the process and our computers. 2: Election day is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Vote at City Hall from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.. Early voting is May 2-6 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce is and has been holding a series of "meet the candidates" meeting. One for Meadows Place is scheduled for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in our community Center. Each candidate will be allowed to address the audience for ten minutes. A question and answer session will follow. 3: Noted that he received two letters of commendation from resident Delores Reaves. The first recognized Public Works Director Dan McGraw for always being courteous and helpful, saying he is an asset to our city. The second recognized Police Sergeant Richard Simmons for two cases of fraud he has helped solve, recognizing how great our Police Department is.

Councilmember Staigle gave an update on the West Airport construction. He said the design work is 60% complete. TxDOT is moving very slowly on the environmental study, which may not be completed until March of 2012. An additional \$80 million in road construction has been approved by the H-GAC and we hope to receive some of these funds. We should know by August if any federal funds are available. Kelly's would like a left turn lane installed at their cost. Walgreens and the strip center owner will be approached to see if they are also interested in a left turn lane under the same circumstances. Mayor Jessup thanked Councilmember Staigle for the engineering help he has given to the City at no cost.

Councilmember Staigle then made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2011 joint workshop with EDC and regular meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Henley and unanimously approved.

No one was in attendance from the Planning and Zoning Commission to give Council their report on the granting of a Specific Use Amendment to Dr. Daniel K. Olukoya for his Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries Worldwide Church. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens to table the agenda item. Motion carried unanimously,

Mayor Jessup 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 IX OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "SPECIFIC UE AMENDMENTS," BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SUBSECTION 24-912, GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO DR. DANIEL K. OLUKOYA GENERAL OVERSEER, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, MOUNTAIN OF FIRE AND MIRACLES MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE, TO ALLOW THIS CHURCH TO OPERATE AT 12002 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY.**

Mayor Jessup said a public hearing was held, as required, and comments and questions made and answered. Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case to refuse the request for the Specific Use Permit. The motion carried unanimously.

Council then considered setting Ad Valorem exemptions for fiscal year 2011-2012. Current exemptions are as follows: Homestead Exemption: 13% or \$5,000, whichever is greater; Over 65 Exemption - \$30,000; Disabled Person Exemption - \$30,000; Disable Veteran's Exemption \$5,000 - \$12,000. Mayor Jessup said he recommends keeping the exemptions the same as last year. Explanations of these exemptions can be found on the City's website. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell to adopt the same Ad Valorem exemptions for fiscal year 2011-2012 as were in existence last year. The motion carried unanimously.

The quarterly investment report was presented to Council for their approval. The City's funds are invested in a very sound, fiscal, conservative manner. They must also be kept very liquid. Councilmember Staigle made a motion to accept the Investment report as presented. Councilmember Case seconded the motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Bills to BJ's Park & Recreation Products for \$ 28,238.65, to Coastal Pump Services, Inc. for \$16,254.00 and to NuWest Golf Course Construction for \$19,881.00 were presented to Council for payment approval. Councilmember Case made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens to pay the three bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Payments to Joe Salvide for \$10,800.00, to Pumps, Motors & Controls for \$12,127.00; to HDR/Claunch & Miller for \$34,336.97 and to Coastal Pump Services, Inc. for \$16,254.00 for ratification. Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to ratify the payments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Mr. Art Keepers, 12200 Block of Alston, said he had three items to comment on. First he asked Councilmember Staigle why we could not hold a non-binding referendum and was answered that a non-binding referendum is not an allowable use of city funds under State Law. Second he noted that the increase in cut-through traffic was very heavy on his street and he asked if the police budget had been cut at all. Mayor Jessup answered that no projects currently in the works or planned for the future has or will effect the Police budget. We all agree that our Police Department is great and we are trying to draw young professionals, folks that care, into our city. Safety of our residents comes first and foremost. Third he asked if repairs on Kirkwood would affect the city's budget. Mayor Jessup answered that, while we can't foresee the future, the bond money promised to us from Fort Bend County for this project will not come out of the City's general fund budget.

Mr. Mike Wilson, 12000 Block of Pender, expressed is displeasure at not being able to put things on the ballot for a vote.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Elaine Herff, City Secretary