

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF MAY 24, 2011
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:30 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: Heidi Case
Terry Henley
Shirley Isbell
Rick Staigle
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum

Also present was Alderman elect John Whiteman.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Councilmember Rick Staigle. Councilmember David Wilkens gave the invocation.

Because Judge Cannata had not yet arrived, Mayor Jessup moved agenda item 4 up now. LuAnn Kelly with the Meadows Home and Garden Club presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Kristina Hickle and a \$500 Scholarship to Katie Cavendar, noting that both essays were excellent.

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Ken Cannata then arrived. He gave the Oath of Office to returning Councilmember Terry Henley as Alderman, Place No. 4 and to new Councilmember John Whiteman as Alderman, Place No. 5. Councilmember Staigle stepped down and Councilmember Whiteman took his seat on the dais.

Captain Gary Stewart reported on Police activities since the April regular Council Meeting. He noted there were six reportable accidents, seven arrests, 1332 calls for service, 46 offense reports, 315 traffic citations, no code ordinance violation citations, 73 traffic warnings and 11 city ordinance warnings issued. There were five motor vehicle burglaries, two residential burglaries and zero building burglaries. Officers made 510 business checks, 122 house watches and 462 property checks this past month. Theft of back-flow preventers has been occurring in the area lately. Stafford made 12 arrests for this offense in the last month. The Department is waiting to hear if they will get an H-GAC grant for Laser Shot. The interview room camera has been installed. The new Tahoe has been delivered and all equipment has been ordered and is in route. A disabled vehicle turned into the arrest of two subjects suspected of burglaries at Walgreens and Radio Shack.

Code Enforcement Officer Kathi Sutton spoke about activities in her department since February 2011. She has sent 176 high weeds and grass first warnings, 33 second letters and with 2 citations issued. She has sent 42 boat and trailer first warnings with 11 second warnings. She has sent 11 first warnings and 12 second warnings for cut/dead limbs and other debris visible from the street not on garbage day. She has issued 129 first warnings and 31 second warnings on improper tree height. She has pulled 167 illegal signs. She has sent 13 first warning letters, seven second warning letters and issued one citation for pools with black water, 31 first warning, nine second warning letters and issued two citations for dilapidated fences, 68 first letters, five second warning letters and issued five citations for other property maintenance issues. She has sent 144 first warning and 62 second warning letters for trash cans visible in yards, When a problem is

first brought to her attention, Officer Sutton generally issues a warning that same day. The resident has three to five days to remedy the situation.

Fire Chief DiCamillo was not available to present his fire report.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup: 1: Said there was a tremendous turn out for the May 5th National Day of Prayer, held outside City Hall and organized by Tim Shoulders of Sugar Grove Church of Christ. Approximately 20 people offered prayers for various intentions. 2: Noted that one of the last sections of piping was installed today on the new lake/reclaimed water project. There are still a few pieces of pipe to be installed under the Dorrance bridge. Weather permitting; we will begin to fill the lake in about 10 days. This lake allows us to become a great steward of our community by saving many thousands of dollars using treated reclaimed waste water to fill our lake and, eventually, water our esplanades. The lake will take approximately 10 to 12 days to fill with no rainfall. 3: Said that we had a record turnout for our City election held May 14th. The votes have been canvassed and John Whiteman pulled the most votes for Place No. 5 with Terry Henley winning unopposed his Place No. 4 seat. He wished Councilmember Staigle a fond farewell and thanked him for the countless hours he served. He congratulated Councilmember Whiteman on his win.

Councilmember Whiteman said he looked forward to working on Council. He thanked his volunteers and those who voted for him. He believes the vote was a referendum on residents' dislike of the Kirkwood two lane roundabouts and hopes to preserve South Kirkwood as a four lane divided road. He hopes to make city government responsive to the needs of the residents.

Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 workshop and regular meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO SERVE IN SUCH OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR CITY ELECTION.

Councilmember Case made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, numbered **2011-12**, electing Councilmember Henley as Mayor Pro Tempore until the next regular city election. Councilmember Isbell seconded this motion which carried with unanimous approval. Councilmember Henley thanked his fellow council members saying he appreciated their support.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE 2011, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, ONE TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO HEAR ANY AND ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY MATTER OR QUESTION INVOLVING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND CHAPTER 153 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS," SECTIONS 153.197 AND 153.198 OF CHAPTER 153 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "SIGNS; RESIDENTIAL" AND "SIGNS; COMMERCIAL/OFFICE"

RESPECTIVELY BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SUBSECTION 153.197(H) AND SUBSECTION 153.198(O); PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FLAGPOLES.

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adopt the Ordinance, numbered **2011-13**, calling a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28th to consider regulating the height of flagpoles in the city. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

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Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-14**, calling a public hearing for 7:00 p.m., or immediately following the first public hearing on the flag poles, for Thursday, June 28th to consider public comments, both for and against, a proposal to grant a Specific Use Permit to Mike Welch and Rick Williams to develop the land along both sides of Dorrance Lane for retail, automotive and recreation use. The motion carried four to one with Councilmembers Case, Henley, Whiteman and Wilkens voting "aye" and Councilmember Isbell abstaining.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, numbered **2011-15**, adopting the new codified code of ordinances, as stated. Councilmember Wilkens seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND AMENDING THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell, to adopt the Ordinance, numbered **2011-16**, extending the contract for tax collection by one year. The motion carried unanimously.

The next agenda item, ratification of contract for advertizing in Fort Bend Chamber Business Directory and Fort Bend Chamber Newcomers Guide, was tabled by a motion from Councilmember Isbell and seconded by Councilmember Case and unanimously approved.

Bills were presented for Council's approval. Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to pay the bills as presented on the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Mr. Larry Ewing, 12000 Block of Alston, said he would like for the city to provide for a safe place for young people to play basketball as opposed to the street or sidewalks. He said kids need a safe place to play.

Mr. John Rittman, 11900 block of Brighton, said he was cited for two tree stumps in his yard, as well as leaving items in his back yard. He phoned the code enforcement officer and she did not return his call. However the code enforcement officer was quick to issue a second warning on a sewer issue awhile back.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary