

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF JULY 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 7:30 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
John Whiteman
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Councilmember Heidi Case. Resident Mike Schofield gave the invocation.

Captain Ashton reported on Police activities since the June regular Council Meeting. He noted there were six reportable accidents, three arrests, 2057 calls for service, 37 offense reports, 343 traffic citations, no code ordinance violation citations, 63 traffic warnings and six city ordinance warnings issued. There were three motor vehicle burglaries, one residential burglary and one business burglary. Officers made 521 business checks, 682 house watches and 618 property checks this past month. There was an attempted robbery at Radio Shack. The new Chevy Tahoe has been equipped and is out on the street. Mayor Jessup noted that crime rates for the entire state of Texas are down. The percentage of population affected by property crimes in Texas is 4.06%, in Fort Bend County is 2.17% and in Meadows Place is 1.86%. The percentage of population affected by violent crimes in Texas is 0.52%, in Fort Bend County is 0.22% and in Meadows Place is 0.05%. Councilmember Isbell asked Captain Ashton if he had completed his classes yet. He said the Leadership Command College is a three year commitment of which he has completed the first year. He has submitted his thesis today and hopes to graduate with his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice on August 6th from Sam Houston State University.

Parks Director Monya Keenen began her report with the announcement that it was City Secretary Elaine Herff's birthday today and everyone sang Happy Birthday to her. She continued her report noting that city lifeguards are working on another platinum plaque from Jeff Ellis and Associates. They have exceeded expectations during their last two audits and this award is only given to the top ten pools under Jeff Ellis supervision in the country. (Check with Monya - is this top ten pools or top 10 percent.) The new wrist band pool access system is working well as is the tennis court card access system. Concessions are being sold at the pool daily. Adult swim is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. AND from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. The last Barefoot 'n Friday will be held on August 19th. Splash Night, June 10th, was a huge success. New classes added for this summer include an art class and a kid fitness class. The July 4th Parade was also a huge success. Governor Perry had been invited to participate. He declined but sent a plaque congratulating the city for their community spirit. Mrs. Keenen thanked Troop 731 for their flag display. Grand opening of the new lake was also held on July 4th. There is currently an amazing purple martin show that occurs at dusk over the lake.

Regarding the Fire Department, Mayor Jessup said he spoke with Stafford City Councilmember Cecil Willis as well as Stafford Fire Chief Larry DiCamillo. Stafford expects to increase their budgeted funds for the Fire Department by about \$31,000. We can expect our cost from them to increase by 10% of this amount.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup: 1: noted that Texas Direct Auto has begun to move into their expanded space in Meadows Place. They are the largest independent used auto dealership in the U.S. Residents should check our website to get an idea of how Meadows Place entrance will be enhanced. 2: There have been a few kinks in the reclaimed water system at the lake that are being worked out. We seem to be the only small city in Texas to do a water reclamation project of this size. The State,

County and City are all involved. Currently the Purple Martin and Chimney Swift show at dusk is amazing. 3: Southwest Water recently changed their phone number to report water line breaks. The new number is: (832) 209-5049. Residents need to call in whenever they see a water leak anywhere in the city.

Councilmember Isbell noted that Houston and Dallas had the faster growing city developments in Texas. Meadows Place, therefore, is in a prime location for housing locations for businesses and family oriented commerce. She asked residents to let us know what good business neighbors they would like to see in Meadows Place, noting that it is harder to get businesses to relocate here than it is to keep the businesses here. She also noted Dakota Mills is playing at the state level in baseball.

Mayor Jessup reminded everyone to eat a Tradicaos and Kelleys.

Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2011 workshop, joint public hearing and regular meetings; and the July 12, 2011 and July 19, 2011 workshop meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A FIREARMS TRAINING PROGRAM.

This resolution is necessary before the Police Department can receive a grant for its firearms training program. No funds will be expended for this grant. Councilmember Case made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell to approve the resolution, numbered **2011-01**, as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS (CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION) FOR A TERM BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2013 PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

Steve Gardner has resigned his position on the Planning and Zoning Commission due to his move out of the city. Rick Staigle said he would accept the position if appointed. Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-19**, appointing Mr. Staigle to the Planning Commission for a two year term. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Case and carried with unanimous approval.

Bills were presented for Council's ratification and approval. Councilmember Whiteman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens, to ratify the bill to NuWest Golf Course Construction for supervision of the lake construction project, and approval of the expenditures to Coban Technologies for police vehicle work; Houston Siding Company for residing the Kirkwood Annex overhang and to Randle Law Office for legal services rendered as presented on the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary