

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF NOVEMBER 27, 2007  
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 Mark McGrath at 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:	Mark McGrath
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Charles Jessup Charles Kulhanek Rick Staigle
absent was:	
Alderman:	David Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Police activities since the last regular council meeting which was October 23, 2007 consisted eight reportable accidents, 14 arrests, 1,401 calls for service, 74 incidents requiring police services, 391 traffic citations and 99 warnings issued. During this time period there were seven burglaries of motor vehicles reported – five at Pappas Grill where laptop computers were stolen. There was one incident of a vehicle driven into a yard. The driver had passed out as he was high on computer aerosol cleaner. This is a very dangerous practice as the substance is very cold and freezes the esophagus. The PD is preparing for Christmas memories next Friday. Mayor McGrath noted that the on-line Newspaper, *Fort Bend Now*, using FBI 2006 statistics, has listed Meadows Place as the safest city in Fort Bend County. He thanked the Police Department for doing a fine job.

During audience comments, Leen Zellers told the police officers to write more tickets.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath noted that since the next regular council meeting is scheduled for December 25<sup>th</sup> (the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in December) it would be moved up to the week before – December 18<sup>th</sup>.

During Council comments, Councilmember Kulhanek noted that he recently returned from attending the TML Annual Conference in Dallas. It was a very valuable conference where he found out the city was doing many things correctly but needs to improve in some instances. He encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy Christmas Memories on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Henley thanked the City of Meadows Place for allowing him to represent the city in the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. A direct result is the receipt of many thousands of dollars in transportation funds received. Councilmember Henley also represents the area on the Texas Area Regional Council.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION CASTING CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE 12  
VOTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORT BEND  
CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.**

Mayor McGrath recommended casting all 12 votes for Mary Gayle Brindley, who is a Fort Bend Banker and is very active in community affairs. Councilmember Jessup made a

made a motion to pass the resolution, numbered **2007-03**, casting all 12 votes for Mary Gale Brindley. Councilmember Kulhanek seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kulhanek then made a motion to ratify the expenditure of \$11,004.00 to Randle Law Office and of \$7,745.00 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Staigle and unanimously approved.

There were no audience comments at this time.

Next item on the agenda was consideration of accepting the resignation of Mayor Mark McGrath and action on an ordinance of appointment of his replacement. Mayor McGrath read his resignation letter, on file with the City Secretary and made a part of these minutes. He went on to explain that he had been thinking about it for quite some time. He said he was blessed with many personal business opportunities which all take his time away from acting as Mayor. He thanked the current City Council, as well as previous Council members, David Piwonka, Joe McCann, Leen Zellers and Mayor Jim McDonald. He said he appreciated their efforts and support. In his 5 ½ years as Mayor, he saw monument signs erected on West Airport, renovations completed to the community center, the establishment of the City's web site, installation of lights on the major's baseball field, McDonald Park improvements, a new fire station – which has brought our fire rating to the best possible rating, a new parking lot and a city on-going marketing program. He is proud of his legislative action with establishing a teen curfew ordinance, being the first city in Fort Bend County to regulate sexual offenders, establishing a garage sale ordinance, and planned developments encompassing The Oasis, CVS Pharmacy, and the new shopping center on West Airport and Kirkwood. Soon the reconstruction of West Airport and Kirkwood, landscaping improvements along Dairy Ashford and participation in Fort Bend Water Control and Improvement District for surface water use will all take place. Mayor McGrath acknowledged the city staff – Elaine Herff, City Secretary; Police Chief Mike Baker and Police Captains Jack Ashton and Gary Stewart; Public Works Director Dan McGraw; Code Enforcement Officer Tracey Spiller; and Parks and Recreation Directors Terry Modeland and Monya Keenen – for being a great group of people to work with, always exhibiting professionalism and patience with problem people. Mayor McGrath also said thank you to the people of the City of Meadows Place for three times electing him to City Council and three times to the position of Mayor. He said he would miss everyone and ended with “God Bless the City of Meadows Place.”

Captain Ashton presented Mayor McGrath with a plaque from the Police Department.

Councilmember Jessup said he knew Mark would always be around. He was losing a Mayor as well as a friend. He appreciated and thanked Mayor McGrath for all that the city has gained as a result of his actions.

Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to reluctantly accept the resignation of Mayor McGrath and to appoint Councilmember Jessup to serve as Mayor to fill out the current term. Councilmember Staigle seconded the motion which carried with Councilmembers Kulhanek, Staigle and Jessup voting yes, Councilmember Henley abstaining and Councilmember Wilkens absent. Mayor McGrath then swore Councilmember Jessup in as Mayor. Mayor Jessup then thanked Mayor McGrath and Council for his appointment. He did not seek the office but has a great deal of respect for it and therefore accepts.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary