



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jessup at 7:31 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV	City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford
Mayor Pro Tempore, Terry J. Henley	Alderman, John F. Isbell
Alderman, Rick J. Staigle	Alderman, Steven H. Bezner
Alderman, Kelle K. Mills	

Staff in attendance: Captain Jack Ashton, Meadows Place Police Department; and Jerry Parker, Code Enforcement.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Pledge by:	John Isbell, Alderman
Invocation by:	Charles Jessup IV, Mayor

B. Reports

1. Police Department

Captain Jack Ashton gave an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report, which was distributed to the Council and filed with the City Secretary.

Captain Ashton reported that they had 18 people attend the Neighborhood Watch Meeting on November 17th and the topic was "How to make your home less attractive to burglars."

Alderman Bezner asked Captain Ashton if there is anything that the Police Department need from Council. Captain Ashton replied that that is really a question for the Police Chief, but their biggest struggle is manpower.

Alderman Mills asked what they do with the confiscated guns. Does the Police Department keep them? Captain Ashton stated that the guns are usually destroyed, because they don't know the true condition of them and don't want them to malfunction on an officer.

Mayor Jessup stated that he often sees officers engaging with residents, especially the children and that makes his proud.

2. Code Enforcement

Jerry Parker, Code Enforcement, reported on current violations, open cases, and citations issued over the last 3 months. He also reported on his on-going projects. The biggest one right now is knocking on doors to give warnings for code violations. He is getting a positive response from the residents and most come in to compliance very quickly. He is also working with residents to get trees trimmed.

Alderman Isbell asked Mr. Parker about the status of the home located at 11907 Blair Meadows. He was concerned about the muddy lot and lack of progress. Mr. Parker reported that he is still working with the home owner to come into compliance. Alderman Bezner stated that it needs to be dealt with quickly. Mayor Jessup suggested giving the owner the contractor's contact information and giving a deadline of December 14th to come in to compliance. If they do not the City will hire a contractor to bring the lot up to compliance and bill the owner. If the owner does not pay the bill the City will place a lien on the property.

Alderman Isbell also stated his concern for lawn crews leaving bags of yard debris around Blair Meadow, Meadowdale, Cedar Form and Scottsdale for multiple days before trash pickup. Mr. Parker stated he is trying to reach out to these residents and is watching on the weekends.

Alderman Isbell asked about the house on Alston at the intersection of Blair Meadow, which he believes is essentially a used car lot and has cars blocking the street. Mr. Parker stated that he has already contacted this resident.

Alderman Isbell also asked if complaints registered on the code enforcement webpage are responded to. Mr. Parker stated that they receive an automated response and follows up.

Alderman Bezner asked which code violation occurs most often and Mr. Parker stated that most of the violations are trash cans, mold, and tree trimming.

Alderman Mills asked about a car on jacks located at Dorrance and Meadow Trail. Mr. Parker stated the owner has already been notified.

3. Fire Department Monthly Report for October 2016

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the Stafford Fire Department report for October which was filed with the City Secretary.

C. Mayor's Comments

1. Thanksgiving

Mayor Jessup stated that there is so much going on in the City and so much to be thankful for. He reminded everybody that Meadows Place is hosting a Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th.

2. Little Libraries

Mayor Jessup stated that the City's Little Libraries have been up for about 3 weeks now and did great in the recent rains. He has seen several families using them. These little libraries are a part of the National Registry and can be found online.

3. New Amenities

Mayor Jessup stated that is important to know who we are and keep up with the times in order to bring young professionals to the City. Some of the new amenities in the City include the new Training Center, little libraries, a walking trail, the bike path with the sharrows, new fitness equipment, and the new splash pad. He also stated that there is a new pool amenity coming soon. Mayor Jessup stated that he is proud of what has been done with the City's limited budget.

4. Street ponding repairs

Mayor Jessup stated that the Public Works Director, Danny Segundo, has a plan for just about everything. He recently came up with a plan of the 30 worst ponding areas in the City that needed to be repaired and has been working with the contractor to get these complete.

D. Council Comments:

1. Alderman Rick Staigle – Update on Kirkwood Project

Alderman Staigle stated that the engineer, HDR, has completed 30% of the design phase and will present to the City in December. He also stated that the City will be meeting with landscape architects in the near future to work on designing the landscape, irrigation, trees and statues.

Mayor Jessup thanked Alderman Staigle for volunteering his time and expertise on this project.

E. Regular Agenda

1. Consider Ordinance No. 2016-30 amending section 150.25 providing rules and regulations for roofing standards.

Alderman Isbell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2016-30 amending section 150.25 providing rules and regulations for roofing standards. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Staigle, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

2. Acceptance of CenterPoint Energy Gas Statement of Intent to Increase Rates for CenterPoint Texas Gulf Division.

Alderman Staigle moved to accept the CenterPoint Energy Gas Statement of Intent to Increase Rates for CenterPoint Texas Gulf Division. Alderman Mills seconded the motion.

After a brief discussion among Council Alderman Bezner moved to amend the original motion and deny the increase presented by CenterPoint Energy Gas. Alderman Staigle accepted the amended motion.

The vote follows to deny the increase presented by CenterPoint Energy Gas:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Staigle, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

3. Discuss and set a date for Council Retreat

Alderman Henley moved to set January 21, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. as the date and time for a Council Retreat. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Staigle, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

F. Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of the Minutes held on:

October 25, 2016 – Workshop Meeting

October 25, 2016 – Regular Meeting

November 3, 2016 – Special Session Meeting

2. Presentation of Bills

Concrete Raising Corporation	\$31,941.48
The Remodelista & Teri Gilberg	\$18,400.00
Consolidated Traffic Controls, Inc.	\$ 5,940.00
Gates & More	\$12,000.00
Rode Enterprises, Inc., Texas Lawn Works	\$ 4,050.00
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	\$11,101.24
Eric Sullivan	\$ 5,000.00

Joe L. Salvide	\$ 4,670.00
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Alderman Henley moved to approve all items of the consent agenda. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Staigle, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

G. Audience Comments

Terry Henley, resident at 12203 Alston Drive, stated that General Law Cities elected a new member to the Board of Directors and that this is his 24th term and appreciates all of the support. Mayor Jessup thanked Alderman Henley for serving,

H. Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda Alderman Mills moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Staigle, Bezner, and Mills

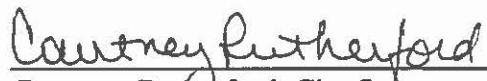
Nays: None

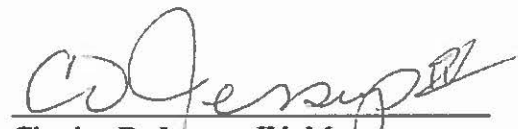
The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

ATTEST:


Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

