

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF AUGUST 28, 2012
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: Terry Henley
John Isbell
Terry Morgan
John Whiteman
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum

The Pledge to the Flag was led by City Secretary Elaine Herff. Councilman Wilkens gave the invocation.

Captain Jack reported on Police activities since the July regular Council Meeting. There were 3 accidents reported and 6 arrest and 1933 service calls. There were 40 reports and 432 traffic violations with 645 charges. Residential burglaries were down from 5 to 4 and commercial burglaries were down from 3 to 1. Traffic activity up. New Officer Shahzad Khan currently in training program and is currently at an accelerated pace. He stated the Police Department is currently using the training center for training, along with neighboring agencies to host classes. The 1st Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on September 19th at the training center. Donations for Training Center include furniture donations from Republic HD, Helfman Ford, Coban, Brazos Technologies, Sam's, and Radio Donations made payable to the Meadows Place Civic Police Association (MPCPA).

Mayor Jessup then made the following comments: 1. Thanked City staff and Council for better tax rate this year due to forced short sells and the house that was abandoned 2. West Nile Virus Code Red was sent out as a reminder to be aware that there has been at least one reported case of West Nile in Fort Bend County 4. Commended the Police Department on taking action on some pretty tough cases as they have really have encountered some pretty bad guys during traffic stops. Officers have been able to get some of the toughest criminals off during a traffic stop. 5. A Reminder to everyone that the City is in the process of a Water Well Revitalization 6. It is time for back to school and everyone needs to be reminded to slow down and to not use cell phones in school zones.

Councilman Terry Henley discussed a recent work group meeting held on August 1, 2012 he attended that Senator West appointed that was comprised of City and County officials along with Newspaper professionals to come up with a solution allowing the use of the public entity's website as an option for public notices associated with procurement. Councilman Henley stated today all public entities have to put bind notices in the newspaper when the purchase exceeds \$25,000 cost for advertising in the local paper. Councilman Henley stated that cities and counties are expected to post notices such as bids and other required by law, items in the local paper. Councilman Henley stated advertisement can be costly and the City of Houston pays \$11,000 per quarter for advertisement. Councilman Henley stated no one looks at these it one time and no one looks at it. Councilman Henley stated that unlike larger cities such as Dallas and Houston, the City of Meadows Place cannot afford it. Mayor Jessup stated the City was receiving a copy of the Ft. Bend Star at every home however due to the City not having enough advertisement, the Star no longer provides a copy of the

Star to residents. Councilman Henley stated that cities are asking for change in the law to give cities the option of using their website in lieu of running the notice in the newspaper. The Meadows Place spent about \$ 6,000.00 compared to the City of Dallas paying \$645,000 for all public notices. The City of Meadows Place official newspaper is the Fort Bend Star.

Mayor Jessup read a proclamation proclaiming Tuesday August 28, 2012 as Elaine Herff Day in the City of Meadows Place. Retiring City Secretary Elaine Herff stated that she has greatly enjoyed working for the City of Meadows Place and thanked everyone for the opportunity. Mrs. Herff stated that she never imagined it would lead to working here for so many years and how she began her career doing utility billing for the MUD.

Mayor Jessup asked for incoming City Secretary, Yolanda Wilson to come up to be sworn in. Retired City Secretary Elaine Herff asked incoming City Secretary, Yolanda Wilson to raise her right hand and repeat after her. After, City Secretary Yolanda Wilson was sworn in, Elaine Herff asked for City Secretary Yolanda Wilson would take her seat next to the Mayor.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

Consideration of and action on an ordinance calling a public hearing on the budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for September 25, 2012.

Councilman Henley made a motion and seconded by Councilman Wilkens, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2012-30**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion to table agenda item 10, Receipt of recommendation from Planning and Zoning. Councilmember Morgan made a motion to table item 10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley.

Mayor Jessup recommended Council table agenda item 11 due to Planning and Zoning not having a quorum. Councilman Henley made a motion to table agenda item 11. The motion was seconded by Councilman John Isbell.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

Consideration of and action on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary of the City of Meadows Place, Texas, to renew an Inter-local Cooperation Contract between the City of Meadows Place and the Texas Department of Public Safety to implement the provisions of Texas Transportation Code Chapter 706 to deny renewal of the driver license of a person who fails to appear for a complaint or citation or fails to pay or satisfy a judgment ordering payment of a fine or cost in the manner ordered by the court in a matter involving any offense within the jurisdiction of Meadows Place Municipal Court.

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion to renew an Inter-local Cooperation Contract between the City of Meadows Place and the Texas Department of Public Safety to renew an Inter-local Cooperation Contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley.

Resident, Shirley Isbell of 12326 Scottsdale Drive. Mrs. Isbell stated she like the City to consider reviewing the Ordinances on condition of houses as some of the houses need to be improved. Mrs. Isbell stated that it is still not too late to join the Biggest Loser Boot Camp and anyone interested in joining, can join by going onto facebook. She stated The Garden Club will be hosting its Annual home tour on April 27. She invited everyone to the Craft show and it

will cost \$75 to rent a booth. She also requested that the City put SMART Meters on its agenda as well as update residents about Texas Direct Auto.

Resident, Chuck McClurkin of 11947 Brighton called Kathi, Code Enforcement and the police department on Monday and was pleased that defendant he had reported for violations had received 8 tickets. He stated he is pleased and said Kathi did a good job. He wished Elaine Herff, retired City Secretary a fond farewell.

Resident, Velon Saint of 12307 Level Run stated he was concerned about driving a Chevrolet because he did not realize that you can view the Insurance information on the Chevrolet that is attached to the visor and track a person's personal information. Mr. Saint stated when he found this out he told his wife to clean out the vehicle and get rid of the Chevrolet. He stated that if the Chevrolet was broken into, a person could take the insurance paper to dealer and trade it in for a new car. The Mayor stated that they could not address any thing that he had mentioned about cars. Mr. Saint reminded everyone to not leave their insurance information in public view in their cars. Mr. Saint laughed and agreed then stated he just wanted to share this information.

There being no further business to consider, Councilman Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilman Whiteman, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Yolanda M. Wilson, City Secretary