

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

Present were Mayor Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor Pro Tempore Terry J. Henley, and Aldermen Steven H. Bezner, John F. Isbell, Kelle K. Mills, and Rick J. Staigle. Also present was City Secretary Janice M. Moore, Code Enforcement Official Jerry Parker, Captain Jack Ashton and Police Chief Gary Stewart.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Jessup called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Parker, and the Invocation was led by Chaplain Wayne Collins.

2. Presentations: None

3. Reports:

a. Police Department

Police Chief Stewart provided an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report, which was distributed to the Council and filed with City records.

1. Acceptance of the 2014 Annual Racial Profiling Report

Alderman Isbell moved to accept the report. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Code Enforcement

Official Jerry Parker reported the following:

1. Violations since 11/25/2014: 302
2. Cases opened: 205 (Difference in numbers due to ability of more than 1.4 violations per case.)
3. Current open cases: 18
4. Citations issued: 20; (1- junk vehicle, 1 – car cover, 2 – trailer, 4 – rubbish/trash, 7 – trash cans, 5- Scottsdale address)
5. Current projects are 1; (ongoing) outward appearance of homes: (Siding, paint, fascia, gutters and fences). 2; address numbering (curb, mailbox, house) 3; grass weeds (due to recent warm weather, weeds have taken over)
6. Top reoccurring issues:
 - a. Trash Cans either out after trash day, or stored in public view. 66 – up from 56 last Q

- b. Grass/Weeds: 26 – down from 44 last Q
 - c. Junk vehicles in drive or street: 18 - down from 23 last Q.
7. Unoccupied/Vacant building total fluctuates between 24 – 31 at any given time. This is due to high turnover of rental properties. Avg. vacancy of 7 – 15 days. There are now 11 that have been deemed long term, greater than 90 days, down from 14 due to recent sales and foreclosures.
- a. 8 partial compliance. Blair Meadow (12023), Bloomington (11911), Kenzie Ct. (11711), Brighton (11946 Cavender), Brook Meadow (11634), Hoggard (12303 deceased) Dorrance (11314) Dorrance (11935 deceased)
 - b. 2 no compliance as of yet. Mulholland (12010 J. Cavender), Scottsdale (11306 denial of ownership)
 - c. 1 issued multiple citations – 11510 Scottsdale, with March 18th court date. (Stagnant water in pool, high grass/weeds in backyard, tree stump in front, failure to secure swimming pool and standards for declaring substandard building.)

He answered questions posed by the Council Members. Alderman Bezner requested a copy of the monthly report. Mayor Jessup directed Code Official Parker to distribute the report to all Council Members. Discussion took place regarding the process of issuing citations.

- c. Fire Department Response Statistics – January 2014

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the report for January, which was filed in City records.

4. Mayors' Comments:

- a. Candidate Applications due Friday, February 27th at 5:00 p.m. - Reminder
- b. Utility Billing NOW Online! – Mayor Jessup announced the City recently implemented online utility billing.
- c. Host for the Fort Bend Mayor and Council Association Dinner – Thursday at the Parks & Recreation Center
- d. Meadows Place Option for Ambulance in City – EDC has agreed to fund a building: contract with Stafford or go with the County.
- e. Resident Lillian's Cox 108th Birthday – Spoke about attending her recent celebration.

5. Council Member Comments: None

6. New Business: None

7. Ordinances:

- a. **Ordinance 2015-02:** (Tabled from 1-27-15)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-14 ADOPTING THE FISCAL 2014-2015 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS

PLACE, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Henley moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2015-02. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Ordinance 2015-04:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICIALS, PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Isbell moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2015-04. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Ordinance 2015-05:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, AMENDING SUBSECTION 150.02(I) OF SECTION 150.02 OF CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (M) AMENDING THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Bezner moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2015-05. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

d. Ordinance 2015-06:

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FEE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS, AND OTHER DEBTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 103.0031 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Staigle moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2015-06. Alderman Henley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

8. Resolutions:

a. Resolution 2015-02:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS & MOTT, L.L.P. FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS AND OTHER DEBTS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2015-06.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Henley moved to **approve** Resolution 2015-02. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 2015-03:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, APPOINTING MATTHEW OLTREMARI AS 1st ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Isbell moved to **approve** Resolution 2015-03. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Resolution 2015-04:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TO ENTER INTO A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR 2015 ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Staigle moved to **approve** Resolution 2015-04. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d. Resolution 2015-05:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND GULF COAST STATE PLANNING REGION IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Henley moved to **approve** Resolution 2015-05. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

e. Resolution 2015-06:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, IN OPPOSITION TO A REVENUE CAP AND LEGISLATIVE INTERFERENCE WITH LOCAL SERVICES.

Mayor Jessup read entire resolution.

Motion: Alderman Henley moved to **approve** Resolution 2015-06. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tempore Henley and Mayor Jessup both answered questions posed by Alderman Bezner. The motion **passed** unanimously.

9. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes:

January 27, 2015 – Workshop
January 27, 2015 – Regular

b. Presentation of Invoices:

Randle Law Office LTD, L.L.P. \$ 10,938.00

Motion: Alderman Henley moved to **approve** the Consent Agenda with the postponement of the January 27th Regular Minutes. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. Audience Comments:

Taylor Bezner announced a fundraiser for her mission to Honduras in July for one (1) week.

Chuck McClerkon requested a brief explanation about code enforcement regulations on a monthly basis in the newsletter.

Nasia Shelton expressed concerned about blocked sidewalks not allowing residents to walk int the evening.

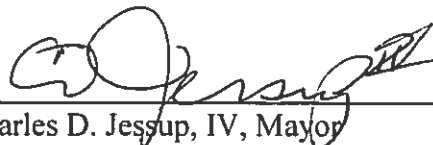
11. Adjournment:

Alderman Bezner moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**These minutes were approved by the
City Council on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.**

ATTEST:


Janice M. Moore, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

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