



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON MARCH 27, 2018 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, Charles D. Jessup IV, at 7:30 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, Steven H. Bezner	Alderman, Rick J. Staigle
Alderman, Kelle K. Mills	

Staff in attendance: Sergeant William Nix, Meadows Place Police Department

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Pledge by: Nadya Shelton, Resident
Invocation by: Kurt Kopczynski, Resident

B. Reports

1. Police Department

Police Chief Gary Stewart was attending the Texas Police Chief Conference in Galveston with Captain Jack Ashton, therefore Sergeant William Nix gave an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report for March 2018. A copy was distributed to City Council and filed with the City Secretary.

Mayor Jessup asked how the new officers were doing now that they are patrolling on their own. Sergeant Nix reported that they are doing well. Officer Jackson Ramirez has even made several arrest.

Alderman Bezner asked if there was any update on Murphy's break-in. Sergeant Nix explained that the case is still under investigation, but that it was not an isolated event. There were five other similar incidents that night; four in Houston and one in Stafford.

Alderman Henley asked if they Police Department was now fully staffed. Sergeant Nix reported that the department just needs to hire a Lieutenant.

Alderman Isbell asked about the armed robbery at the Shell station. Sergeant Nix stated that is was also still under investigation.

2. Code Enforcement

The current Code Enforcement Officer was out on medical leave so Mayor Jessup gave the report in his absence. He reported that Mr. Rivas had 56 cases since January and 32 cases are closed have come into compliance. He's been handling several violations regarding junk vehicles, rubbish and trash, and boats and trailers and getting compliance.

3. Fire Department Monthly Report for February 2018

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the Stafford Fire Department report for February 2018 which was filed with the City Secretary.

Mayor Jessup also reported that Public Works Director, Danny Segundo, has been working on some minor maintenance issues at the EMS building and fire station and all IT has been transferred to the City of Stafford.

C. Mayor's Comments

1. Home Land Security Executive Education Seminar

Mayor Jessup stated that he attended as a rep for small cities. He was surprised that people were not really concerned with hurricanes and are prepared. He said they covered a lot of "What if" situations. He was very pleased with the training and preparedness of Meadows Place.

2. Fort Bend Infrastructure Conference

Mayor Jessup stated that the conference is County wide and Meadows Place is a sponsor city, at no cost. Staff will be taking the EDC funded banners to display at the City table.

3. Fort Bend County Drainage Repairs

Mayor Jessup reported that Fort Bend Drainage District is performing the work to the drainage ditch at no cost to the City. He stated that they cost of this project is approximately \$500,000.

4. Opening of New Eco-Friendly Restroom

Mayor Jessup stated that the new eco-friendly restroom is one way the City is working to meet the needs of the millennials and attract young professionals. He stated that they school and parents of young children playing at the parks are enjoying the new amenity.

5. Garden Club Home Tour Spring Fling

Mayor Jessup stated that Alderman Isbell and his wife Shirley are the co-chairs for the Garden Club Home Tour. He thanked the Garden Club for this great opportunity and encouraged residents to attend.

Alderman Isbell stated that tickets are \$10.00 if purchased early and will be \$15.00 the day of the event.

D. Council Comments:

1. Citizen involvement with City affairs and decision making – Alderman John Isbell

Alderman Isbell stated that he was happy to see so many people in attendance, because most meetings are empty. He stated that this is the start to citizen involvement. This is a place to be heard and communicate with Council. He stated that all Council meetings are open to the public and that agendas are posted on the City website and City bulletin board 72 hours before the meetings. He also stated that all of Council's emails are the on the website.

2. Kirkwood Project – Alderman John Isbell

Alderman Isbell stated that there are a lot of rumors regarding the Kirkwood project. He stated that the City held an open public meeting in October 2015 and he had a booklet with photos and comments from 23 residents that were used to make decisions. He stated that the Kirkwood project has been on several agendas since then and nobody has attended the meetings. He also has some concerns, but he is waiting to see the final design.

Alderman Staigle stated that he is expecting the 99% design submission within the next week or so and then it will go to the landscaping architect for completion.

3. H-GAC Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Henley

Mayor Pro-Tem Henley gave a brief update on H-GAC. He stated that the current Executive Director resigned and a selection committee is looking for a new director. It is very important that they chose the right director.

4. Ambleswood House – Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Henley

Mayor Pro-Tem Henley stated that he was in favor of the house purchased last year, but he is concerned with the remodel cost. The original budget was for \$25,000 and he figures the City has spent approximately \$90,000. He is concerned about the return and thinks the renovations are getting out of hand.

5. New Eco-Friendly Restroom – Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Henley

Mayor Pro-Tem Henley stated that he does not think the new bathroom is eco-friendly. He believes it to be a high fluent port-a-pot. The initial budget was \$45,000 to \$50,000 and as of today it has exceeded \$80,000. He believes there are design flaws and the ramp is too high and it still needs irrigation.

Mayor Jessup stated that the bathroom is eco-friendly, solar powered, and reuses rain water. Alderman Bezner asked how much it cost to operate and Mayor Jessup stated approximately \$1,400.00 a year.

E. Regular Agenda

- 1. Consider Resolution No. 2018-10 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into an agreement with Fort Bend County for City of Meadows Place May 5, 2018 General Election Services.**

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-10 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into an agreement with Fort Bend County for City of Meadows Place May 5, 2018 General Election Services. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- 2. Consider Resolution No. 2018-11 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into Contract Agreement, Amendment #2, with HDR Engineering for additional Design Tasks for the Kirkwood Road Reconstruction Project.**

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-11 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into Contract Agreement, Amendment #2, with HDR Engineering for additional Design Tasks for the Kirkwood Road Reconstruction Project. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Staigle, and Mills

Nays: None

Abstain: Aldermen Isbell and Bezner

The motion carried.

- 3. Consider Ordinance No. 2018-06 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place to comply with the requirements of Chapter 284, Texas Local Government Code, governing deployment of network nodes in public right-of-way.**

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-06 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place to comply with the requirements of Chapter 284, Texas Local Government Code, governing deployment of network nodes in public right-of-way. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- 4. Consider Ordinance No. 2018-07 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place Chapter 30 Section 30.15, City Council Time and Place for Council Meetings amending the regular monthly meeting time to 6:30 p.m.**

Alderman Bezner moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-07 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place Chapter 30 Section 30.15, City Council Time and Place for Council Meetings amending the regular monthly meeting time to 6:30 p.m. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

5. Consider Resolution No. 2018-12 allowing the Mayor and City Secretary to declare surplus equipment and authorizing the sale or disposal thereof.

Alderman Isbell moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-12 allowing the Mayor and City Secretary to declare surplus equipment and authorizing the sale or disposal thereof. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

6. Consider Ordinance No. 2018-08 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$66,000.00 to line item 100-040-561501, Street Repair/Road Fee, from the Road Use Fund Reserve in order to cover needed street repairs.

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-08 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$66,000.00 to line item 100-040-561501, Street Repair/Road Fee, from the Road Use Fund Reserve in order to cover needed street repairs. Alderman Mills seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

7. Consider Ordinance No. 2018-09 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$111,242.00 to line item 100-040-580000, Capital Outlay, from the General Fund in order to cover a new AC and roof repairs at City Hall.

Alderman Isbell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-09 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$111,242.00 to line item 100-040-580000, Capital Outlay, from the General Fund in order to cover a new AC and roof repairs at City Hall. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- 8. Consider Ordinance No. 2018-10 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 to increase line items 100-020-580000 Capital Projects from line items 100-020-521030, Payroll Services, and 100-020-521030, Financial Services, 100-020-521030, and from 300-020-521030, Financial Services, to 300-020-580000, Capital Projects in order to purchase a new server for City Hall.**

Alderman Isbell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-10 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 to increase line items 100-020-580000 Capital Projects from line items 100-020-521030, Payroll Services, and 100-020-521030, Financial Services, 100-020-521030, and from 300-020-521030, Financial Services, to 300-020-580000, Capital Projects in order to purchase a new server for City Hall. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

- 9. Consider Ordinance No. 2018-11 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$13,000 to increase line items 100-060-58000, Parks Capital Projects from the General Fund to cover the cost of the driveway/sidewalk at the new Discovery Center.**

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Ordinance No. 2018-11 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$13,000 to increase line items 100-060-58000, Parks Capital Projects from the General Fund to cover the cost of the driveway/sidewalk at the new Discovery Center. Alderman Mills seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

F. Consent Agenda

- 1. Consider approval of the Minutes held as follows:**

February 27, 2018 – Special Meeting

February 27, 2018 – Workshop Meeting

February 27, 2018 – Regular Meeting

2. Presentation of Bills

Brown & Root Industrial Services	\$68,297.59
Roofing Contractors of Texas (Invoice 1159)	\$ 4,050.00
Roofing Contractors of Texas (Invoice 1157)	\$ 4,050.00
Medrano Painting	\$10,495.00
Joe E. Salvide (Invoice 18-0313-2)	\$20,950.00
Joe E. Salvide (Invoice 18-0313-1)	\$ 7,475.00
Joe E. Salvide (Invoice 18-0306-1)	\$ 7,475.00
Joe E. Salvide (Invoice 18-0306-2)	\$ 5,000.00
Joe E. Salvide (Invoice 18-0306-3)	\$ 9,930.00
Joe E. Salvide (Invoice 18-0306-4)	\$20,475.00
Joe E. Salvide (Invoice 18-0228-2)	\$10,000.00
Randle Law Office LTD., L.L.P. (Inv 8705)	\$ 994.50
Randle Law Office LTD., L.L.P. (Inv 8704)	\$12,775.89
Randle Law Office LTD., L.L.P. (Inv 8708)	\$15,636.84
Randle Law Office LTD., L.L.P. (Inv 8706)	\$ 78.00
Randle Law Office LTD., L.L.P. (Inv 8707)	\$ 39.00
Randle Law Office LTD., L.L.P. (Inv 8709)	\$ 1,625.06
Randle Law Office LTD., L.L.P. (Inv 8710)	\$ 390.00
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP	\$ 5,019.82

Alderman Bezner moved to approve all items of the consent agenda. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

G. Audience Comments

Charles Jessup IV, resident at 11919 Valencia St, stated that FBISD is considering closing Meadows Elementary. He encouraged all residents to attend the upcoming school district meetings on April 2, 3, 10, and 11th and let them know that the school is important the community. Details will be posted on the City website. He stated that Meadows Elementary is the heartbeat of the City.

John Isbell, resident at 12326 Scottsdale Dr., spoke in support of Meadows Elementary. He stated that his family moved to Meadows Place for the small town feel and the school.

James Thomas, resident at 11627 Brighton Ln, Mr. Thomas signed up to speak, but stated that he had no comment.

Anne Green, resident at 12303 Hoggard St, asked how the City was handling Code Enforcement since the current officer is on medical leave. Mayor Jessup stated that the Police Department is helping with Code Enforcement for now. Ms. Green also asked if the residents could vote on the roundabouts. Alderman Bezner stated that he spoke with legal counsel regarding a vote and was advised that since we are a General Law City a vote is not allowed.

Alderman Isbell stated that in October 2015 Council held a public meeting regarding the roundabouts and received 23 comments.

Charles Teague, resident at 11611 Dorrance, stated that he was impressed with the improvements to W Airport, but he believes the roundabouts are a bad idea and not safe for children.

Cheryl Teague, resident at 11611 Dorrance, spoke against the roundabouts and not safe for children.

Bryan Teague, resident at 11611 Dorrance, spoke against the roundabouts. He stated that they are not safe and will make it hard to cross the street.

Mayor Jessup congratulated him for standing up and addressing Council.

Jesse Rodriguez, resident at 11707 Brook Meadows, stated that he believes that last month there was possible misrepresentation. He believes the design of the roundabouts are not the same as originally proposed and residents will be losing a lot of trees.

Alderman Staigle stated that he and the Mayor met with several residents and they elected to lose the trees and wanted to adjust their driveways.

Diana Donatti, resident at 12239 Monticeto, spoke in support of the roundabouts and that she thinks the parks are fantastic. She encouraged residents to attend the meetings regarding Meadows Elementary. She advised them to loud, clear, and organized. She believes the City can change the vote.

Scott Holland, resident at 12226 Hoggard St, stated that he is concerned about the parking at the new Discovery Center.

Art Keepers, resident at 12243 Alston, spoke against the roundabouts and thinks Council should look at other options.

Sharon Leal, resident at 12015 Meadowdale Dr. spoke against the roundabouts. She also asked about an amphitheater being built on the baseball fields. Alderman Staigle asked where she heard about an amphitheater and said that City does not have any plans any this time for an amphitheater.

Sandra Olive, resident at 12226 Dorrance, spoke in support of Meadows Elementary. She stated that Meadows Elementary is the heart of the City and we need to keep the school.

Kurt Kopczynski, resident at 12019 Meadowhollow Dr, thanked Council for their leadership and stated that not it is not usual to see a full room during the Council meetings. He encouraged residents to continue coming to the meetings. He also spoke in support of Meadows Elementary and stated that property values will drop if the City loses the school.

Nadva Shelton, resident at 11942 Brighton Ln, spoke about transparency and communication. She asked for meeting notices to be posted sooner and possibly through email or text blast.

Alderman Isbell stated that all meetings are posted on the City website.

H. Adjourn

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

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

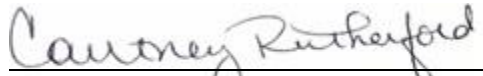
Nays: None

The motion carried.

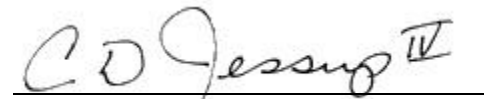
The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

