

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF JULY 22, 2003
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:30 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 Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Mark McGrath
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Charles Jessup Joe McCann David Piwonka Leen Zellers

thus constituting a quorum.

Alderman Jessup presented Life Saving Awards to City of Meadows Place Life Guards who performed their duties exceptionally on July 2nd and saved the life of his son. Alderman Jessup said the guards knew what they were doing and performed by the book. He said he was astounded by their professionalism. Parks Director Monya Keenen introduced Joanie Wagner with Ellis & Associates who trained the guards this spring. Those presented with awards were: Sara Stansbury, pool manager along with David Canady, Meygan McGee, Chris Oltramari, James Jessup, Kevin Casey, Jackie Palash and Beth Looney. Mayor McGrath said our hats are off to our Life Guards and Parks staff. He is proud of the way everyone pulled together and he is proud to be their mayor.

The next presentation was tabled to next month.

Mayor McGrath called for departmental reports. Captain Jack Ashton said that since the last regular council meeting there were five accidents in the city, 17 arrests, 418 calls for service, 273 citations issued, 65 incidents reported to the District Attorney's office and 37 warnings given. He said there is an increase in drug activity throughout the city with an average of two arrests for possession of marijuana per week. Public Intoxication arrests are on the increase. Denney's seems to be a popular spot for 2:00 a.m. breakfasts after clients leave the Sport Resort Bar nearby on West Airport. Captain Ashton said the department has three new recruits and they hope to have an officer attending motorcycle school in October or November. He then passed out the 2002 Racial Profiling Report to Council which is required annually.

Public Works/Public Utilities Director Dan McGraw noted 25.06 million gallons of water were pumped during the month of May. There were 96 water related service calls and 11 sewer related service calls were made during the month of May. Phases three and four of sidewalk repairs have been delayed because of the rain over the past three weeks. Repairs are scheduled to resume tomorrow. Phase two street repairs are complete. School crosswalks will be repainted July 28th. Alderman Piwonka asked if homeowners are notified when their sidewalks are to be repaired. Mr. McGraw said normally, no. Alderman Jessup asked if homeowners are charged when they call ECO for a water or sewer related call and find out it is their own problem. Mr. McGraw said homeowners are not billed for the call.

Parks and Recreation Co-Director Monya Keenen gave an update Parks & Recreation projects. She said Life Guards this year have had to work under some unusual working conditions due to the community center renovations taking place. They did their best and have gotten through the worst time. The community center is still not ready to hold Monday Matinees. She thanked everyone for making this

year's 4th of July parade the best ever. Many residents commented on the Apache Helicopter "fly-over", the puppets and the marching band. Splash Night in conjunction with an open house for the Community Center will be held on Friday evening, August 22, from 6 – 10 p.m. There will be food, music and games. Residents are asked to bring non perishable items for the Fort Bend Food Pantry. The 11th annual Golf Tournament will be held on September 29th at Sienna Plantation. It will be a traditional four man scramble. She and co-director Terry Modeland have been busy visiting local businesses today for donations.

During audience comments, residents were encouraged to participate in the August 5th National Night Out by turning on their porch light and going outside to meet their neighbors.

During Mayor's Comments, Mayor McGrath said Council just completed their second budget workshop for the 2003-2004 budget year. The city is on budget and holding its own in sales tax collections

During council comments, Alderman Jessup thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting and letting council know what other people are saying.

Alderman Zellers made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2003 workshop and regular meetings; the June 3, 2003 workshop and special meetings; the June 9, 2003 special meeting; the June 24, 2003 workshop and regular meetings; the July 8, 2003 workshop meeting. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which was unanimously approved.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY, PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE.

Mayor McGrath recommended John Whiteman and Phil Carey both be reappointed to two year terms. Alderman Henley made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered **2003-21**, appointing John Whiteman and Phil Carey to two year terms as members of the Board of Adjustment. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Expenses to Palmer Snyder for \$5141.20 for new furniture for the Community Center and to Stonewall Constructors' for Community Center renovations for \$53,111.13 were presented to council for ratification. Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka, to ratify the expenditures as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

During audience comments, resident Sharon Kitchen said she would like to see speed bumps called "ridges" installed on Dorrance. Resident Marti Pattinson was told she could reach Code Enforcement Office Tracey Spiller by calling City Hall. On weekends garage sale violators should be reported to the Police Department.

There being no further business to consider, Alderman Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Zellers to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary