

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF APRIL 23, 2013
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:32 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
Terry Morgan
John Isbell
John Whiteman
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum

Absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zachary Wittmann and Mayor Charles Jessup gave the invocation.

Chief Gary Stewart provided the Meadows Place Police Department update. There were 7 accidents reported, 4 arrest and 2276 service calls. There were 47 reports and 406 traffic violations with 554 charges. Residential burglaries were down from 6 to 4 and commercial burglaries were down to 0. There were approximately 30 attendees at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting held at the new Tactical Training Center. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held, Wednesday May 15, at 7 pm, topic to be announced. House watches are down from 508 to 169. The Meadows Place Police Department is continuing the TLC Program. There were 385 contacts during the month of April with 303 passing and 85 failing. The 3 (Burglary of a Motor Vehicle) BMV's were in the business district with contents left in plain sight (briefcase, purse, GPS and cell phone). The Meadows Place Police Department will be attending the Old Town Meadows at Meadows Elementary on May 3, 2013 from 6 pm to 9 pm, the Salute to Law Enforcement on May 4, 2013 at Willowbrook Mall from 10 am to 2 pm, Career Day at Meadows Place Elementary on May 10, 2013 and on May 30th at Sugar Land First United Methodist Church for their Annual Viking night event at 5 pm.

Mayor Jessup complimented the Police Department on the TLC program.

Monya Keenan, Parks and Recreation Director, provided the Parks and Recreation update. The light pole banners that will be mounted on light poles at McDonald Park were placed on display prior to tonight's City Council meeting to show the bright and colorful cartoon designs. A \$75,000 reimbursement was received from the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the Phase IV Grant project. Temporary signage had been removed and the permanent Aluminum plaque required by Texas Parks and Wildlife has been mounted on the field house building located at McGrath Park. The Concert at the Lake was well attended. The Swim Team and Baseball League sold out of their concessions and everyone appeared to have enjoyed the evening along with the beautiful weather. Mayor Jessup stated that he hopes to have more concerts in the park as it appeared everyone had a great time. Pet Clinic will be held at the Community Center Parking lot on Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Meadows Place Skeeters Family Night will be held on May 4, game time is at 6:05 pm. There were 50 Skeeters tickets sold. Replastering of the main pool was completed in March. A wooden cover that is currently under construction for the main pool equipment area is expected to be complete by April 30, 2013. Due to bad weather the small pool cover and framing was damaged. The vendor advised that small cover replacement should be installed by first week of June. Lifeguard training is Friday April 26 through Sunday April 28. The summer 2012 Lifeguards received the Platinum International Aquatic Safety Award from Jeff Ellis and Associates for the third consecutive year. Congratulations to Lifeguard staff members: Kristina Hickle, Pool Manager, Sami Ferriera, Assistant Manager, Daren Hymel, Assistant Manager, Jacob Bravo, Assistant Manager, Jennifer Sterner, Supervisor, Cody Kitchen, Supervisor, Aliexus Torroeros, Makayla Mueller, Christina Garcia, Kimberly Heallen, Shada McKinney, Jamie Burt and Felipe Quintana. Ms. Keenan congratulated Tracey Spiller, Aquatics Director on her first year of training and managing the pool staff.

The Swim team will enter its 40th year and there will be T-Shirts available that read, "40 years and still swimming....boy, are our arms tired!!!! The Swim Team President, Sue Ella Mueller was on the first five year olds to be on the Meadows Marlins Team. They are in Division 2 and have registered 200 swimmers. The teams they swim against, Sienna Plantation, Lake Olympia and Sugar Creek. Swim Team practices will begin the first week in May. The Meadow Place Kid's Flea Market, Saturday, May 11th from 9:30-11 am at McGrath Park and hosted by the Neighborhood Home School. Pool wristbands will be on sale for \$5.00 each at the pool starting Saturday, May 18th. Current Tennis Court access cards will be deactivated at the end of May. Only residents may purchase new tennis court access cards beginning in May at City Hall, Monday-Friday 9am to 4 pm. Access Cards are \$50.00 per card, maximum 2 cards per family. Barefoot N Fridays start, Friday May 17th 8:30 pm-11:00 pm for ages 9-14. There will be 2 police officers on duty along with pool staff during the entire time of event. The Parks and Recreation Department invited Council to join them for Splash Night, Friday, June 7th from

6-9 pm. There will be an EZ-Up set up at the pool side reserved for Mayor and Council. Meadows Place will be participating in the World's Largest Swim Lesson and is hoping to set another Guinness Book World Record. All participants must be registered by 9:45 on Tuesday June 18, 2013. Mayor Jessup stated that Meadows Place is the only City in Fort Bend County to participate last year. The Seniors Program is one of the newest programs that will be offered. Tracey Spiller, Aquatics Director is having a planning meeting on Thursday, May 9th from 9-10 am at the Community Center. The annual Meadows Place 4th of July Parade will be on Thursday, July 4th at 10 am. The parade line up will begin at City hall.

Mayor Jessup then gave the City's Fire Department report. He noted the report included 30 EMS calls, 1 Structure fire, one vehicle fire, two Fire/Carbon Monoxide alarms, and sixteen other fire related incidents with a total of 49 calls made to Meadows Place in February. Mayor Jessup stated, in response to questions about how the City's contract works with the City of Stafford, the City of Stafford utilizes the fire station on Kirkwood and their staff monitors the EMS and fire calls for Meadows Place. Dan McGraw works closely with the Stafford Fire Chief.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup noted a) Mayor Jessup reminded everyone to get out and vote. It's their constitutional right. Early voting begins April 29 b) Meadows Place Night at Constellation field/Skeeters ballgame is Saturday May 4, game begins at 6:05. c) This year's National Day of Prayer will be hosted by Sugar Grove Church of Christ on May 2, beginning at 10 am.

Councilmember Morgan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adopt the minutes from the March 26, 2013 Workshop & Regular Meeting and February 19, 2013 Special Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember John Isbell provided an update on Meadows Place Home and Garden Tour. Councilmember John Isbell thanked his wife Ms. Shirley Isbell who assisted him in coordinating the Meadows Place Home and Garden Tour. Councilmember John Isbell along with his wife Shirley met with local realtors from the local Houston area representing Greenway Plaza, River Oaks, Bellaire and West University to invite their home buyers on the tour. Beverly Martin, publicity chairman, placed a notice in the newsletter inviting local Meadows Place residents to offer their home for a tour. The response was overwhelming and there is a two-year waitlist for homeowners who would like to participate in the home tour. Due to security reasons, Councilmember Isbell did not publish the names and addresses of residents who volunteered their homes for the tour however he did thank each of them verbally by name during the meeting.

The Meadows Place Economic Development Council (EDC) was recognized along with Terry Henley, President of EDC for investing in the tour by providing a stipend to help embellish homes for the tour. Neither Councilmember Isbell nor his wife Ms. Isbell accepted any of the funds provided by the EDC as this would be inappropriate.

The stipend funds were dispersed equally to the other eight homeowners. Bill and Robin Myers offered their services to procure a horse and buggy to help cart people from home to home on the day of the tour. Classic Carriage donated the horse and buggy. Mike Kelly, Meadows Place resident has offered to help with security during the tour. The University of Houston, Victoria Campus in Sugar Land has offered their MBA students to help volunteer and host during the event. BBVA Compass Bank offered to provide home improvement financing information. Mayor Jessup has given permission to place signs to direct traffic to the homes beginning Friday afternoon. Beverly Martin, Joe Debruyn, Debbie Lancaster, and Betty Landers have volunteered to serve on signage committee. Anne Dybala offered to coordinate a VIP Appreciation Dinner Party for all the volunteers and homeowners after the event. Ryan Dybala and Karah Lawshe have offered to provide a photographic historical record of the event. Treasurer, Zella Little has confirmed that approximately 150 tickets have been sold. Meadows Place Home and Garden Club have received over two thousand dollars in donations and support from Meadows Place business partners and others. A special thank you was given to Tradicao, Kelly's, Walgreens, Virtue Tattoo, Helfman Ford, Texas Direct Auto, Anita Milne, Pesto, Alphorn Bakery, Wedding Cakes of Houston, Cake Boss of Houston, Back Pain Interventions Associated, P.A., Randalls, Avalon, and HEB. Councilmember Isbell asked for prayers for a resident who will be unable to participate due to an illness. Councilmember Isbell thanked Mayor Jessup and asked that a voice message announcement be done to remind everyone of the increased foot traffic, safety and to please be patient with the increased traffic through the city. A final invitation was provided to everyone who had not purchased a ticket, to purchase one at the door.

Mayor Jessup then read a proclamation proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Meadows Place, Texas.

Mayor Jessup discussed that Meadows Place has tremendous public servants that are dedicated and do a fantastic job. This is why it is important to recognize them with a proclamation.

Mayor Jessup then read the proclamation proclaiming May 5-11, 2013 as Public Service Recognition Week in Meadows Place, Texas.

Mayor Jessup then read a proclamation proclaiming May, 2013 as Motorcycle safety and Awareness Month in Meadows Place, Texas.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following amendment:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES WITH FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS.

A motion was made by Councilman Henley to adopt this **Ordinance No. 2013-07** amendment authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into an interlocal agreement for the collection of taxes with Fort Bend County, Texas and seconded by Councilman Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AVR TO UPGRADE UTILTITY BILLING SYSTEM.

A motion was made by Councilman Henley to adopt this authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into a contract with AVR to upgrade utility billing system and seconded by Councilman Morgan. The motion carried unanimously. **Ordinance No. 2013-08.**

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 150.25(K) OF CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A discussion was held by council on solar panels then council moved to make a motion on item 11.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkens authorizing an ordinance of the City of Meadows Place, Texas adding a new subsection 150.25(K) of Chapter 150 of the Code of Ordinances; providing a penalty; providing for

severability; and providing an effective date and seconded by Councilman Henley. The motion carried unanimously. **Ordinance No. 2013-05.**

Further discussion by Mayor Jessup who stated that it shows what can happen when council works together as a team and decides to work together. The City of Meadows Place continues to move forward in making a positive impact for the entire community.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilkens to accept the motion as amended on ordinance of the City of Meadows Place, Texas adding a new subsection 150.25(K) of Chapter 150 of the Code of Ordinances; providing a penalty; providing for severability; and providing an effective date and seconded by Councilman John Isbell.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZING AN
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS,
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY SECRETARY TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BADGER METER FOR
WATER METER REPLACEMENT.**

A motion was made by Councilman Henley to authorize an **Ordinance No. 2013-06** of the City of Meadows Place, Texas authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into a contract with Badger Meter for Water Meter Replacement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkens and carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilkens made a motion to ratify a bill to Randle Law Office, Ltd, L.L.P. for \$ 8,987.36 for legal services; Superior Waterworks, L.L.C \$ 7,540.30 for completion of pool repairs; Joe L. Salvide for \$ 7,870.00 for ramp replacement sidewalk and pavement repairs. Councilman Henley seconded this motion carried unanimously.

Monya Keenen, Parks Director reminded everyone again about Splash night that will be held on Fri. June 7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The City of Meadows Place will participate in its second year of the World's Largest Swim Lesson for Guinness World Record on Tuesday June 18, 2013. Anyone interested in participating should register now.

During audience comments, Shirley Isbell of the 12000 block of Scottsdale thanked Councilmember John Isbell for helping to coordinate this year's Meadows Place Home and Garden Tour. Ms. Isbell thanked everyone who was involved from the City and reminded everyone that the "Don't Move, Improve" Garden Club Home Show for the 2013 Meadows Home and Garden Club Spring Tour will be held Saturday April 27, 2013 from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Tyler Bezner of 1800 of Amblewood, wanted to know if it were o.k. to ride his dirt bike on the bayou easements.

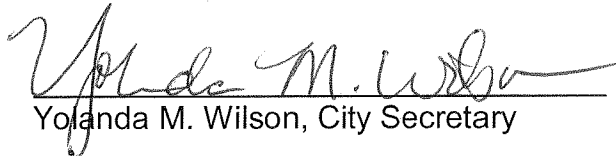
Mayor Jessup stated that he asked a hard question and that he would have to ask Tyler's dad and the police chief. It's on the County's right away and it is probably o.k. to ride his bike in that location however the Mayor stated he will check with the proper authorities.

Zach Wittmann of the 12000 block of Scarcella Lane as a part of earning his Eagle Scout's Badge, asked why is it so important to exercise your right to vote.

Mayor Jessup stated that it is very important to exercise your right to vote because it shows that you have a voice in what matters in this country. Also, if you do not exercise your right to vote, you may end up with people who really don't care.

Kelle K. Mills of the 12000 block of Scottsdale announced that Dulles High School Baseball team won the last game during this year's playoff.

There being no further business to consider, Councilman Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morgan, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.


Yolanda M. Wilson, City Secretary