



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON APRIL 24, 2018 AT 6:30 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 6:30 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 was not present.

Staff in attendance: Police Chief, Gary Stewart, Police Captain, Jack Ashton, and Public Works Director, Danny Segundo

**1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Pledge by: Mike Jones, Resident  
Invocation by: Jack Ashton, Police Captain

**B. Presentation and Proclamations**

**1. Proclamation – Lupus Awareness Month – May 2018**

Mayor Jessup presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2018 as Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Meadows Place.

**C. Reports**

**1. Police Department**

Police Chief Gary Stewart gave an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report for April 2018. A copy was distributed to City Council and filed with the City Secretary.

Chief Stewart stated that last month he attended the annual Police Chiefs Conference and discussed current topics facing Police Departments. Meadows Place Police Department is going to work with Sugar Grove Church on active shooters. Active Shooters will also be the topic of discussion at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Chief Stewart also stated that the Police Department has started the CID interview process and should have a decision within the next month.

Mayor Jessup asked the Chief about the new Training Center. Chief Stewart stated that they have been holding trainings there and he expects to exceed 135 different trainings for the year.

Alderman Bezner asked about the promissory case mentioned in the monthly report. Chief Stewart stated that the FBI is working on this case. He stated that he can't any information, but this was not a door to door scheme.

Alderman Isbell asked if the new body armor coming up in the Regular Agenda. Chief Stewart stated that the grant will cover a vest for each officer, which cost approximately \$1,000 each. Once received the officers will go through training.

Alderman Henley stated that Homeland Security from Texas A&M would like to hold trainings at the training center. He will get with the Chief later and give him contact information.

## **2. Public Works**

The Public Works Director, Danny Segundo, reported on public works progress since his last report in January. He gave a brief recap on streets, Utility Projects, Water and Sewer updates, Maintenance updates, and training the Public Works employees.

Mr. Segundo reported that his department has completed the mud jacking, sidewalks, storm water inlet repairs, curb repairs, and handicap ramps for the fiscal year. He also reported that for this fiscal year his department has completed approximately \$160,000 in street repairs. These repairs were paid for out of the Road Use Fee Fund and the Street Fund.

There was brief discussion regarding the Road Use Fee balance. Mayor Jessup stated that the City has been letting these funds build up in order to make repairs. Mr. Segundo has a 5 year plan and will be making repairs annually. Alderman Isbell asked that Mr. Segundo put together a map showing the planned repairs.

Ms. Segundo stated that in last 3 months the roof and a/c unit at City Hall were both replaced.

Public Works employees attended training in Supervisor Skills, Irrigation Troubleshooting, and Vector Management. Public Works also completed the following reports: SM4 Report to TCEQ, Annual Water Survey, and Annual Loss Audit.

## **3. Fire Department Monthly Report for April 2018**

The March 2018 report from the Stafford Fire Department report was filed with the City Secretary.

## **D. Mayor's Comments**

### **1. May 5, 2018 Election**

Mayor Jessup stated that the City of Meadows Place needs a huge turnout. FBISD needs to see a good turnout for the City when making decisions after the election to save Meadows Elementary. He also reported that the City usually has a higher percentage turnout than the county average.

## **2. Save Meadows Elementary**

Mayor Jessup reported that the turnout of residents has been both satisfying and overwhelming. He reported that this one of the biggest items the City has faced and it will have a massive effect on our children and the city. He also stated that we have received a positive response from FBISD. We have had good publicity and we have been noticed. He recognized Chris Gawlik, Cameron Miller, Christina Stevens and Sean Ulrey for being a voice and getting groups together to show up for the meetings.

He stated that Meadows Place definitely changed some options regarding Meadows Elementary.

## **3. EOC/Training Center Video**

Mayor Jessup reported that this past Thursday staff finished filming of video to showcase the EOC and Training Center and EOC operations. The facility opened three (3) days before Hurricane Harvey and worked great. Once the video is complete it will be sent to others to promote the facility for training and police recruitment.

## **4. Six Month Budget Review**

Mayor Jessup stated that he and staff go through the budget monthly line by line. He and staff like to review after six (6) months into the fiscal year. At this time all departments are under 50% for the budget.

Mayor Jessup gave credit to the department heads for a great job in monitoring and staying within budget. He also gave credit to Anna-Maria Weston for keeping the budgeted updated and correct.

Alderman Staigle stated that both the Parks and Water departments are coming into heavy budget months.

Alderman Bezner stated that the current budget is close to previous years.

## **5. Value of the City**

Mayor Jessup stated that the Tour of Homes hosted by Home & Garden Club was amazing. He is waiting for pictures to post on the city website and Facebook. Working being done in these homes in amazing and Meadows Place property values continue to increase due to these improvements. Property values have increased 62% since 2010 and this is important when trying to attract young professionals. The Home Tour slogan was Don't Move Improve and there are already six (6) homes interested in being a part of the tour next year.

Alderman Staigle reported that a Meadows Place house recently under contract may set a new record for price per foot.

**E. Council Comments:**

**1. 18-Wheeler Trucks parked on residential driveways making – Alderman John Isbell**

Alderman Isbell stated that he received a complaint regarding an 18-wheeler truck parked on a residential driveway and he didn't see an ordinance that addressed parking in the residential area. Mayor Jessup stated that it is covered in Section 153.074. He also stated that this address was reported to the Police Department and a warning was issued. The truck has since been moved.

**2. Update on Fort Bend Drainage Project – Alderman Rick Staigle**

Alderman Staigle stated that the slope paving near the pool had been buckled for a while. The contractor is replacing all of the eastern slope with new paving that will be much thicker. This is scheduled to be complete by May 31<sup>st</sup> and cost approximately \$580,000, which the county paid for.

**3. Update on Kirkwood Street Project – Alderman Rick Staigle**

Alderman Staigle stated that HDR submitted another set of plans. He suggested some minor revisions regarding traffic control and hope to have final plans next month and then the City can decide what to do.

**4. H-GAC Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Henley**

Mayor Pro-Tem Henley gave a brief update on H-GAC. H-GAC had a changing of the guard. The Executive Director stepped down after over 25 years. The board selected a new director and he believes they made an excellent choice. There is a dinner meeting coming up this month to recognize the director for his job well done and he encouraged Council to attend.

**F. Regular Agenda**

**1. Accept the Quarterly Investment Report.**

Alderman Staigle moved to accept the Quarterly Investment Report as presented. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Staigle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Alderman Mills was not present.

2. **Consider Resolution No. 2018-13 authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary to negotiate an amendment to the current contract with American Janitorial Services to include the Emergency Operations Center to be cleaned once a week, with an effective date of May 1, 2018.**

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-13 authorizing the Mayor and the City Secretary to negotiate an amendment to the current contract with American Janitorial Services to include the Emergency Operations Center to be cleaned once a week, with an effective date of May 1, 2018. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Staigle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Alderman Mills was not present.

3. **Consider Resolution No. 2018-14 authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application for rifle resistant body armor – City of Meadows Place – Grant #3445601.**

Alderman Isbell moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-14 authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application for rifle resistant body armor – City of Meadows Place – Grant #3445601. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Staigle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Alderman Mills was not present.

4. **Consider Resolution No. 2018-15 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer, City Treasurer, and Finance Director to open investment accounts with brokers and safe keeping bank (to house CD securities) and authorize the investment activity.**

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-15 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer, City Treasurer, and Finance Director to open investment accounts with brokers and safe keeping bank (to house CD securities) and authorize the investment activity. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Staigle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Alderman Mills was not present.

5. **Consider Resolution No. 2018-16 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to invest up to \$1,000,000.00 from the City's TexPool account into four (4) separate CD's with staggered maturities from six (6) months to three (3) years.**

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Resolution No. 2018-16 authorizing the Mayor/Chief Financial Officer, City Secretary/Treasurer, and Finance Director to invest up to \$1,000,000.00 from the City's TexPool account into four (4) separate CD's with staggered maturities from six (6) months to three (3) years. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Staigle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Alderman Mills was not present.

6. **Approval of the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC application to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF).**

Alderman Henley moved to table the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC application to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) indefinitely. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Staigle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Alderman Mills was not present.

7. **Approval of CenterPoint Energy 2018 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP).**

Alderman Staigle moved to table the CenterPoint Energy 2018 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) indefinitely. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Staigle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Alderman Mills was not present.

8. **Discussion regarding Tesla solar roof shingles.**

Alderman Staigle moved to discuss Tesla solar roof shingles. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion.

Mayor Jessup stated that he thinks the City should review these new options and consider taking action. Alderman Staigle suggested that the Planning & Zoning Commission review the city's current ordinance regarding solar panels and consider an amendment to include Tesla Roof Shingles. Alderman Isbell said that he would like to see some samples. After brief discussion City Council agreed that the Planning & Zoning Commission should review the solar panel ordinance.

## **G. Consent Agenda**

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

March 27, 2018 – Workshop Meeting

March 27, 2018 – Regular Meeting

March 29, 2018 – Possible Quorum – Save Meadows Place

April 02, 2018 – Possible Quorum – Save Meadows Place

April 03, 2018 – Possible Quorum – Save Meadows Place

April 04, 2018 – Possible Quorum – Save Meadows Place

April 10, 2018 – Possible Quorum – Save Meadows Place

April 11, 2018 – Possible Quorum – Save Meadows Place

April 16, 2018 – Possible Quorum – Save Meadows Place

### **2. Presentation of Bills**

Medrano Painting	\$6,150.00
HDR	\$36,015.00
Joe L. Salvide	\$5,715.00
Joe L. Salvide	\$11,575.00

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

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Staigle

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Alderman Mills was not present.

## **H. Audience Comments**

**Art Keepers, resident at 12243 Alston,** stated that he wanted to acknowledge those who are committed to the City. He also stated that he has submitted pictures of trucks with addresses that are violations of code and he feels like his concerns are being ignored. He also spoke against the 3 minute time limit for audience comments.

**Lisa Johnson, resident at 11407 Brighton,** asked that the City consider giving a brief description of the bills on the agenda for upcoming agendas.

**Lisa Fisher, resident at 11744 S Kirkwood St.,** spoke for her husband, who was not able to attend the meeting, regarding Code Red. She asked that Code Red be used for emergency notifications only and a separate number for non-emergency notifications.

**Carlotta Keepers, resident at 12243 Alston,** asked if residents should call the police when they code violations. She has noticed several houses that need to painted and with trash out on non-trash days.

**Nadya Shelton, resident at 11942 Brighton Ln,** stated that also would like the city to use Code Red for emergency notifications only.

**Denise Horner, resident at 12119 Valencia,** stated that she has noticed several cars parked at Meadow Crest and Mulholland for sale and wants to make sure the City looks into the issue.

**Scott Holland, resident at 12226 Hoggard,** stated that he works at Rice University Police Department and was notified by his HR representative that some people called to verify his work status. He was upset to hear that Cindy Barrowman of Neighborhood Watch called to inquire about his position. He said that she claimed he has applied for Neighbor Watch and that is not true. He stated that Mayor Jessup also called to inquire about his position.

Mayor Jessup stated that he didn't know about Ms. Barrowman, but he called, because some people has asked. Mayor Jessup did ask Mr. Holland when he saw him in person.

Mr. Holland stated if anybody wanted to inquire about his job they could contact him directly.

**John Isbell resident at 12326 Scottsdale,** stated that that Home & Garden Club tour was a huge success and just under 200 people attended the tour. He thanked the following home owners for opening up their homes for the tour.

Joe DeBruyn, Barbara Tansey, Stacie & Kurt Kopczynski, Amy & Steve Bezner, Marie & Mike Jones, Kelsey & Steve Pena, Leticia Rodriguez, Ryan Kimbrell, Betty Strickland, Colene Cabezas for opening the Discovery Center, and the numerous volunteers. He also think Alderman Staigle for purchasing 20 tickets so that members of FBISD could attend.

**Shirley Isbell resident at 12326 Scottsdale,** stated that the Home Tour raised approximately \$5,650. She thanks EDC Director Henley for notify them that they needed to open the tout up to people outside the city in order to use EDC funds. She stated that she also contacted local realtors and one relators shared that got an over asking price due to an open house held during the tour.



**Donna Nava, resident at 10918 Scottsdale Dr.**, stated that voting is new to her and felt like she didn't have the needed knowledge to make an informed decision. She also felt like the political shenanigans put a dark shadow over what people needed to know.

**I. Adjourn**

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

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

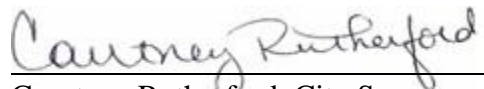
Nays: None

The motion carried.


The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.**

ATTEST:

  
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Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



  
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Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor