



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON APRIL 25, 2017 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 Jessup at 7:30 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV
Mayor Pro Tempore, Terry J. Henley
Alderman, Steven H. Bezner

City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford
Alderman, John F. Isbell
Alderman, Rick J. Staigle

Alderman, Kelle K. Mills was absent.

Staff in attendance: Chief Gary Stewart, Meadows Place Police Department; and Colene Cabezas, Parks and Recreation Director.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Pledge by: Cole Lemmons, Lifeguard
Invocation by: Chaplain James Russell, Meadows Place Police Department

B. Reports

1. Police Department

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

Chief Stewart reminded everybody that the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be May 25, 2017 at City Hall.

Mayor Jessup stated that he was surprised by the number of weapons confiscated by Meadows Place Police Department; that is a lot of guns off the streets. Alderman Bezner asked if the Police Department has made any recent changes. Chief Stewart stated that the department has zero tolerance and the recent Contact report shows that our officers are good at searches.

There was discussion regarding how many part time dispatchers are needed for the upcoming budget. Chief Stewart stated that part time dispatchers are currently covering about 25 hours a week and we will need quite a bit more to have 24/7 coverage. Alderman Isbell asked about how much time the extra dispatchers are saving the officers. Chief Stewart stated that having the extra dispatchers allows each officers about one extra hour of time on the streets per shift. The officers are able to report calls for service to dispatch versus coming into the office to enter it into the computer.

Alderman Henley asked about the number of reserve officers. Chief Stewart stated that we currently have seven reserve officers and they are a tremendous asset to the City. They help to reduce overtime, by working the City events.

Mayor Jessup reported that Meadows Place Police Department is working much closer with neighboring departments. He also did a six month budget review and the overtime hours are much lower than last year.

Finally, Chief Stewart reported that Meadows Place Police won the Crowd Favorite award at the recent Chili Cook Off. It was a huge event and he thanked Council and the residents that came out and supported the department.

2. Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Director Colene Cabezas gave the quarterly report for the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Cabezas, stated a few key points and highlights from the previous quarter, a copy of which has been filed with the City Secretary.

A few key points for the quarter are listed as follows:

- Completed the landscaping at four entry signs in the City. Parks also completed landscaping at the new Training Center and McGrath Park.
- Solar lights and a picnic table were installed at the Community Garden.
- The annual Family Camp Out was a success with 142 people in attendance. Ms. Cabezas thanked the Police for helping, City Council for cooking and the YAC group for assisting.
- We had a great turn out at the Opus 4 String Quartet concert performed at City Hall. Ms. Cabezas thanked Aldi and Tradicao for donating food and drinks for the event.
- The City is also having the Concerts in the Park. So far the first event was a huge success and two more are scheduled for upcoming weekends.
- Monarch Gateway is underway. It will consist of 13.1 acres of land that run under the powerlines in the City. The gateway will be approximately 7 miles and will begin here in the City of Meadows Place!
- This last quarter the Parks Department volunteers contributed 757 hours of volunteer work. The two Experience Works employees worked 372 hours and the YAC group worked 385 hours. That \$8085 worth of time.

Ms. Cabezas then introduced the Recreation and Aquatics Coordinator, Leigh Ylanan. Ms. Ylanan introduced the guards for the 2017 summer. She stated that this is the best group of guards she managed in her 13 year career.

Ms. Cabezas then introduced the YAC members present at the meeting. The YAC group currently consist of 41 members. Alderman Isbell stated that he was proud of the Meadows Place YAC group and this is a great start to a career in leadership. Mayor Jessup stated that the Parks Department could not do their different events without the help of the YAC group.

Alderman Henley suggested that Ms. Cabezas reach out TML for help with funding of the YAC group.

3. Fire Department Monthly Report for March 2017

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the Stafford Fire Department report for March 2017 which was filed with the City Secretary.

Mayor Jessup also thanked the Fire Department and EMS for participating in the Meadows Place video.

C. Mayor's Comments

1. Recap of April 18, 2017 Special Meeting

Mayor Jessup reported that City Council approved an Ordinance to rezone 9 acres of land on W Airport from C-1 Light Commercial District as C-M Commercial-Residential Mixed Use District to allow more options for development.

2. Elections

Mayor Jessup stated that Election Day is Saturday, May 6th. Although the City of Meadows Place General Election has been cancelled, there are still Fort Bend School Board issues to be voted on. He encouraged the residents of Meadows Place to go out and vote in the May 6th Election.

3. Meadows Place Rating

Mayor Jessup reported that Meadows Place has been recognized as #29 in the top 100 suburbs in the state of Texas. We've received A's across the board and people are noticing!

4. National Day of Prayer

Mayor Jessup stated that May 4, 2017 is National Day of Prayer and the City will be hosting with Sugar Grove Church in grassy area behind City Hall.

D. Council Comments:

1. Kirkwood Update – Alderman Rick Staigle

Alderman Staigle reported that the project is a little behind, but he and staff have met with the engineer, HDR, and the landscape architect, Asakura Robins, to go over drainage issues. HDR should be submitting the 60% design soon.

2. Update on Drainage Ditch Issue – Alderman Rick Staigle

Alderman Staigle reported that the drainage ditch has been shored up, but most likely won't be complete until midsummer. The Drainage District will replace what was there at no cost to the City of Meadows Place.

E. Regular Agenda

1. Acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report.

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

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

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

CenterPoint Representative, Cindy Pena, was present to answer questions regarding the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor. This allows utilities to adjust rates to reduce recovery and to work on enhancing the system and keep up maintenance. If approved residents will see an increase on their bill of about \$2.00 to \$3.00 per month. Alderman Bezner asked if Councils vote really has an impact on the decision. Ms. Pena explained that the Utility Commission has final say and the City's vote really has no impact.

Alderman Staigle moved to disapprove the CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric LLC application to amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF). Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

3. Consider Ordinance No. 2017-10 amending Chapter 36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place, Texas, entitled "City Policies," to permit the consideration of applications for the performance of depository services from banks, credit unions, or savings associations that are not doing business within the municipality.

Alderman Isbell moved to approved Ordinance No. 2017-10 amending Chapter 36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place, Texas, entitled "City Policies," to permit the consideration of applications for the performance of depository services from banks, credit unions, or savings associations that are not doing business within the municipality. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

4. **Consider Ordinance No. 2017-11 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$210,000.00 to line item 100-020-580000 from the General Fund Balance and Police Department Capital Projects accounts to cover the purchase of 11938 Amblerwood Drive.**

Alderman Henley moved to approved Ordinance No. 2017-11 in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$210,000.00 to line item 100-020-580000 from the General Fund Balance and Police Department Capital Projects accounts to cover the purchase of 11938 Amblerwood Drive. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion. Alderman Bezner stated that he would vote to approve this amendment since Council already approved the purchase of this property during a special session, but he was not in favor of purchasing the property. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

5. **Consider Ordinance No. 2017-12 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$33,250.00 to line item 100-060-580000 from the General Fund Balance account to cover the purchase of a new barbeque pit.**

Alderman Henley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2017-12 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$33,250.00 to line item 100-060-580000 from the General Fund Balance account to cover the purchase of a new barbeque pit. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

6. **Consider Ordinance No. 2017-13 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$7,500.00 to line item 100-040-542013 from the General Fund Balance account to cover building operating expenses, such as burglary and fire alarm monitoring services, cleaning and maintenance at the new Training Center/EOC building.**

Alderman Isbell moved to approved Ordinance No. 2017-13 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$7,500.00 to line item 100-040-542013 from the General Fund Balance account to cover building operating expenses, such as burglary and fire alarm monitoring services, cleaning and maintenance at the new Training Center/EOC building. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

7. Consider Ordinance No. 2017-14 amending Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances regarding provisions applicable to the swimming pool use and rental only.

Alderman Bezner moved to approved Ordinance No. 2017-14 amending Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances regarding provisions applicable to the swimming pool use and rental only. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

8. Consider Ordinance No. 2017-15 providing for a schedule of fees; repealing all ordinance or resolutions in conflict herewith; providing a penalty, providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Ordinance No. 2017-15 providing for a schedule of fees; repealing all ordinance or resolutions in conflict herewith; providing a penalty, providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

F. Consent Agenda

1. Consider approval of the Minutes held as follows:

March 28, 2017 – Workshop Meeting

March 28, 2017 – Regular Meeting

April 6, 2017 – Special Session Meeting

April 18, 2017 – Special Session Meeting and Joint Public Hearing

2. Presentation of Bills

HDR	\$ 37,110.00
McGall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC	\$ 9,800.00
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, & Mott LLP	\$ 7,409.18
Mesa Alarm Systems, Inc.	\$ 6,238.50
Fort Bend County Road & Bridge Department	\$ 34,666.02
Joe L. Salvide	\$ 11,340.00
Bizopia	\$ 6,000.00

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

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

Nays: None

Alderman Mills was not present.

The motion carried

G. Audience Comments

Nadya Shelton, resident at 11942 Brighton Lane, stated that Special Agenda for April 18, 2017 was not online. The City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford, reported that the host City's website had recently crashed and several links were lost. Staff is working with the website company to get the links back up.

Adam Kamtarijian, Boy Scout from Troop 731, was there to earn his Communication Merit Badge. HE asked Council if they have gotten the chicken issue sorted out. Mayor Jessup explained that they City does not have an ordinance to address chickens, but deed restrictions state no chicken allowed.

H. Adjourn

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

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

Nays: None

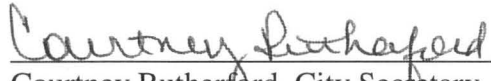
Alderman Mills was not present.

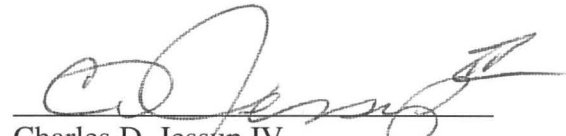
The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, May 23, 2017.

ATTEST:


Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup IV

