

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF JUNE 22, 2004
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.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath noted the city's budget process began this evening with a workshop that discussed revenue estimates for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Property values are up approximately 3% and revenues are expected to remain fairly flat. More budget workshops will be held in the ensuing weeks. Mayor McGrath also noted that the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. to consider comments that were raised during the June 15th public hearing on CVS Pharmacy. At this meeting it is expected the P&Z Commission will make a recommendation to City Council concerning a Planned Development Ordinance for CVS. If a positive recommendation is made, City Council will meet the evening of July 13th to consider the Planned Development.

There were no audience comments at this time.

During Council comments, Councilmember Henley reported on the TML Board meeting held recently at the Marriott Hotel in Sugar Land along with the dinner TML hosted at The Aquarium restaurant in Houston.

Chief G. Michael Pickett then reported on police activities during the past month. He said there were six accidents (with one injury); four individuals booked on five separate charges, 862 calls for services, 363 citations and 26 warnings issued during that time period. He noted that June was a very slow month and that he and Captain Ashton and Captain Stewart were privileged to attend a very good training seminar in Tennessee. Chief Pickett said his department is moving forward on filling out forms to obtain a second Homeland Security Grant. Chief Pickett answered Council's questions on where the six accidents occurred, as well as noting that the patrol motorcycle was back in service and a software problem is being worked on to get the new handheld citation writers to interface with the Court's computer.

Public Works/Public Utility Director Dan McGraw then reported on activities in his department during the past month. He said ECO Resources responded to sixty water related calls (56 being City owned problems and four problems belonging to residents.) They also responded to six sewer related calls – 2 were city problems and 4 were private line problems. 18.8 million gallons of water were pumped during the last month. Phase three sidewalk repair is nearing completion. Approximately 100 areas have been identified as possible problem areas in the street assessment study. Three summer helpers have been hired to help with maintenance projects. The large monument sign landscape preparations are nearing completion. Irrigation will be installed down West Airport from Water Well #2 to Dairy Ashford. Responding to Council's questions, Mr. McGraw said the light green paint being added to the new handicap ramps should last approximately twenty years.

Parks Director Terry Modeland gave a Parks Department update. On Grant No. 1, baseball lighting is completed and work will begin soon on the softball field backstop, jogging trail and covered pavilion. Plans and specs have been submitted to Texas Parks & Wildlife for approval. As soon as this is received, we will solicit bids for the work. News on Grant No. 2 is not expected until the end of August.

Mrs. Modeland reminded everyone about the Fourth of July Parade to begin at 1:00 p.m. that Sunday. Judges and entries are slow to commit being as this is in the middle of a three day weekend. An AH64 fly by is scheduled and Joel Claussen has committed to being Parade Marshal.

Eagle Scout John Sealy has submitted a proposal for a 12x16 foot wood with shingle roof pavilion to be built in the small park in Meadowglen I.

Councilmember Piwonka then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2004 public hearing and the May 25, 2004 workshop meeting and regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were presented for ratification of payment. Councilmember Henley made a motion to approve the bills to Claunch & Miller, Inc for \$18,140.17 for engineering work on the street assessment, drainage around the jogging trail and completion and submittal of paperwork to Fort Bend County; to Joe L. Salvide for Phase III sidewalk work for \$11,250.00 and to Ross, Banks, May, Cron & Cavin, P.C. for May legal services. Councilmember McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

There were no audience comments at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Zellers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Piwonka to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary