

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF AUGUST 25, 2004
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:31 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.

Captain Jack Ashton then reported on police activity since the last regular city council meeting. He noted there were a total of five accidents – none with major injuries; six arrests – which included possession of marijuana and public intoxication arrests; 705 calls for service – 478 of which were house watches; 269 citations issued; 38 incident reports and 41 warnings issued – most for city ordinance violations. He noted the new automatic ticket writers have been operational since August 12 and save officers approximately 30 minutes of office time, freeing them to spend more time on the street. He hopes to increase that time as officers become more familiar with the ticket writers. Captain Ashton again asked residents to call the Police Department any time they see anything that might be suspicious. He also noted the Department has received word they have been approved for a grant which will fund mobile data terminals in our police vehicles. Councilmember Jessup said he was pleased with the attitude and outlook of the Police officers, especially Officer Nix who is at the school each morning getting to know the teachers and the children. Captain Ashton noted the school zone is of high priority to the Police Department.

Dan McGraw, Public Works Director, then gave his department's update. He noted ECO Resources personnel responded to 127 water related service calls in the city during the month of July. Of those, 116 were city related and 11 were on the private side of the meter. During the month of July, 19.82 million gallons of water were pumped, averaging .640 million gallons being pumped per day. During the same time period, ECO responded to two sewer calls, both being private line problems. This year's sidewalk repairs are nearing completion. A new phase will start in October. Twenty-four yellow sign posts have been installed in the school area with eight more yet to be installed. An irrigation system is being installed on West Airport from Dairy Ashford east to the water plant. Inspections are continuing on the Senior Meadows project, where owners hope to move residents in beginning in November and Meadows Extended Day project where the underground improvements are nearing completion. Council discussed with Mr. McGraw the average amount of water pumped in past years and months and installation of additional yellow traffic poles.

Mayor McGrath then announced that the Parks Directors were in Austin awaiting the award of their second \$50,000 matching grant. Much needed repairs to the jogging trail, to be paid for with funds from the first grant, will begin soon. A mandatory pre bid conference has been held with seven contractors in attendance. Bids will be opened and evaluated and a recommended contract should be on the September 29th Council meeting agenda. Once the contract is awarded, work should commence immediately and take about 90 days for completion. Mayor McGrath also reminded everyone about the annual golf tournament being held this year on September 27th at Sienna Plantation.

During comments from the audience, Mr. Dan Papetti, a twelve year resident of the 12100 block of Alston, said he hired another Meadows Place resident, Robert Tweebloom, to replace the siding on his home. The contractor worked three days, took his \$3,000, and left stating he had completed all the work he was going to do. Mr. Papetti said the work was only one half finished and what had been completed was not done correctly and now has to be redone.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath said 1: CVS hopes to close on the Dairy Ashford/West Belfort property with the City in September. Construction on the new pharmacy should begin immediately with an opening date anticipated for late February. 2: Mr. Al Fairfield has notified the Mayor that he hopes to close on the property bordering West Airport and Kirkwood next Monday. And 3: The City of Meadows Place purchased at auction the vacant lot on Brighton for \$20,000. The lot can be developed by the city into a small park or can be sold to a home builder. He thanked Councilmembers Piwonka and Zellers for their work on this project.

During Council comments, Councilmember Piwonka introduced audience member Josh Taylor, a 1st Class Scout with Troop 731, meeting at Highlands Elementary, who is working on his Constitutional Rights badge.

Councilmember Jessup thanked Councilmembers Piwonka and Zellers for the work in acquiring the Brighton lot and he hopes the city will develop it as a pocket park. He commended the Parks Department Directors for their hard work, noting they have accomplished much and they hope to accomplish more in the future. He also applauded Mayor McGrath for the amount of pro active effort he has put in on behalf of the city.

Mayor McGrath then read the items listed on the consent agenda. He noted any one of these items could be pulled for discussion should any member of council request to do so. Councilmember Zellers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Piwonka to approve items on the consent agenda as presented. This motion carried unanimously. Items were as follows:

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-19, CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 AND SETTING SEPTEMBER 22, 2004 AS A NEW DATE.

This ordinance is adopted as Ordinance No. **2004-20**.

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUES FROM PROPERTIES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR 2004 FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2004.

This ordinance is adopted as Ordinance No. **2004-21**.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO A DISPATCH AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2004 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

This ordinance is adopted as Ordinance No. **2004-22.**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE PROVIDING FOR THE HOUSING OF CITY PRISONERS.

This ordinance is adopted as Ordinance No. **2004-23.**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORT BEND COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE FOR USE OF THE COUNTY'S RADIO SYSTEM.

This ordinance is adopted as Ordinance No. **2004-24.**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL FOR EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE.

This ordinance is adopted as Ordinance No. **2004-25.**

Ratification of expenditures:

CenterPoint Energy	\$12,075.00
Ft. Bend County, Precinct 3	20,000.00
Joe Salvide	11,750.00

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Zellers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary