

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF OCTOBER 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 7:30 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.

Captain Jack Ashton then reported on police activity since the last regular city council meeting. He noted there were a total of ten reportable accidents – three on West Airport and two on Kirkwood (none were serious); 10 arrests – including three possession of marijuana, two auto thefts, one bicycle theft and theft of Halloween decorations; 613 calls for service; 430 citations issued; 53 reports of criminal activity; and 117 warnings given. Captain Ashton also displayed the new Drug Free/Gun Free signs.

Dan McGraw, Public Works Director, then gave his department's update. He noted ECO Resources personnel responded to 158 water related service calls in the city during the month of July. Of those, 147 were city related and 11 were on the private side of the meter. During the month of August, 24.5 million gallons of water were pumped, averaging .817 million gallons being pumped per day. There were eight water main breaks in August. During the same time period, ECO responded to four sewer calls, two were city related and two were private line problems. CVS Pharmacy broke ground for their new building. All underground plumbing has been inspected and approved and the foundation is built up. Senior Village has a new superintendent and building two is ahead of schedule. Brick work on the extended day project at Meadows Elementary will begin soon. Permits have been issued for four residential additions. Work to install street lights on Kirkwood has begun. The esplanade sprinkler system is 100% complete. Tree planting is 75% complete and work on the monument signs is 80% complete. Mayor McGrath thanked Councilmember McCann for the time and effort he has expended on the monument signs and their landscaping.

Parks Director Monya Keenen reported that attendance at the September 25<sup>th</sup> golf tournament was down a bit, probably due to the fact it was held on a Monday. She thanked volunteers Dan and Deborah McGraw, Tracey Spiller, Ray Modeland and Charles Kulhanek who helped with the work. Mrs. Keenen then reported that the annual Halloween event will be held on Sunday night, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Boy Scout Troop 301 will hold their Haunted House at the Community Center on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from six to nine in the evenings. Pack 301 will hold their carnival Sunday night. The annual car bash will also be held at the Community Center.

Parks Director Terry Modeland said work being funded by Grant #1 has begun and will hopefully be completed by January 15<sup>th</sup>. The biggest project is the jogging trail. We will start seeing a lot of action in the area soon. It appears the old jogging trail can be used as fill on the new parking lot. The new trail will have no metal curbing. Work on Grant #2 will start soon with tennis court lights. Decking at the pool should be completed in June. The extended day program at Meadows Elementary will provide most of the city's matching funds for proposed Grant #3. Those funds will be for playground equipment.

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath said the next two regular council meetings would be on the following dates: Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. In January the meetings will go back to being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Mayor McGrath also said the major pot holes on West Airport will be repaired by the city. We are still working on requesting the County to take over a majority of repairs to West Airport and he and Councilmember Henley will attend a Commissioner's Court meeting with the request.

During Council comments, Councilmember Jessup said he was very disappointed in the lack of a response to date from the County regarding West Airport. He also commented on the exemplary job the Parks Department is doing in doubling city funds with grants for our parks projects.

Councilmember Henley said that while a response was received from Commissioner's Court regarding West Airport, it was totally inadequate. On a personal note, he thanked his friends and the community for their phenomenal support during his family's recent tragedy. Mayor McGrath assured him the city's thoughts and prayers were with Terry and his family.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC, "ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC-CONTROL REGULATIONS," BY INSERTING A NEW DIVISION 3, ENTITLED "SPEED ZONES."**

Mayor McGrath explained that in previous years the elementary school dismissed students on a staggered basis from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year they have instituted a new program where all students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. It seems reasonable therefore, that the school zone hours should reflect this change. If this ordinance is approved, the new time for the school zone will be 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councilmember Henley moved to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2004-31**, as presented. Councilmember Zellers seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

The city's investment portfolio was presented to council for their review. Councilmember McCann made a motion to accept the portfolio as presented. Councilmember Jessup seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Council then conducted their annual review of the city's investment policy and investment strategies. It was agreed the same cautious investment strategies adopted in the past should be continued. Councilmember McCann made a motion to keep the investment policy and investment strategies as they currently are. Councilmember Zellers seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

A bill to Claunch & Miller, Inc. totaling \$15,947.48 for consulting engineer work was presented to Council for ratification. This was for street design and other projects.

At this time resident Vicki Cerna asked if improvements to the Brighton lot in Section I would be included in the Parks Grant #3 application. It will not be

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 8:36 p.m.

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Elaine Herff, City Secretary