

**CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 26, 2015**

Present were: Mayor Charles D. Jessup, IV, Aldermen Steven H. Bezner, John F. Isbell, Kelle K. Mills, and Rick J. Staigle. Also present were: City Secretary Janice M. Moore, Captain Jack Ashton, Police Chief Gary Stewart, and Parks & Recreation Interim Director/Assistant Monica Parsons. Absent was: Mayor Pro Tempore Terry J. Henley

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Jessup called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

**a. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Resident Joe Debruyne, and the Invocation was led by Mayor Jessup.

**b. Speaking on an Agenda Item**

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the policy.

**2. Presentations:**

**a. Garden Club Scholarships**

President Bob Dybala recognized the following scholarship recipients: Makayla Mueller, Dante Macasaet, and Brittney Cech. Mayor Jessup congratulated the winners.

**b. Swearing In of New Council Member Kelle K. Mills, Alderman V – Judge Bret Kisluk**

Judge Bret Kisluk swore in Alderman Mills.

**3. Reports:**

**a. Police Department**

Police Chief Gary Stewart provided an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report, which was distributed to the Council and filed with City records. He answered questions posed by the Council. Mayor Jessup gave recognition to the department for its deployment during the recent storm. Alderman Isbell also recognized the department for its emergency preparedness

information provided at the last neighborhood watch. Police Chief Stewart reminded residents to sign up for CodeRed emergency notifications.

b. Code Enforcement

Officer Jerry Parker provided the following report:

1. Violations since 02/25/2015: 309 (302 – last qtr)
2. Cases Opened: 193 (Difference in numbers due to average of more than 1.6 violations per case.) (205 – last qtr)
3. Current Open Cases: 35 (18 – last qtr)
4. Citations Issued: 13; ( 4- pool treatment issues (mosquito abatement of 2 pools, 2 times.), 2 – rubbish/trash, 2 – trash cans, 2- Blair Meadow address, 1 – stump, 1 – unoccupied, 1- rental registry) (20 – last qtr)
5. Current Projects: Premises identification (mailbox, front of residence or on curb.)
6. Tremendous push on ongoing priorities: outward appearance of homes: (Siding, paint, fascia, gutters and fences). 2; grass/weeds (due to the fact that as of 5/22 the city is 11.37inches over this quarter last year.) (Add 10.24 inches from 05/25/2015)
7. Top Reoccurring Issues:
  - a. Trash cans - either out after trash day or stored in public view, rubbish/stored items: 88 – up from 66 last quarter (newly added to this category is the rubbish/stored items)
  - b. Grass/Weeds: 37 – up from 26 last qtr. (Rain is large factor.)
  - c. Junk vehicles in drive or street: 11 - down from 18 last qtr.
8. Unoccupied/Vacant building total fluctuates between 24 – 31 at any given time. This is due to high turnover of rental properties. Avg. vacancy of 7 – 15 days. There are now 8 that have been deemed long term, greater than 90 days, down from 11 due to recent sales and foreclosures. (This does not include homes that are for sale, but in compliance.)
  - a. 8 partial compliance. 11911 Bloomington, 11711 Kenzie Ct., 11946 Brighton, 12010 Mulholland, 11634 Brook Meadow, 12303 Hoggard, and 11935 Dorrance.
  - b. 12023 Blair Meadow, 11510 Scottsdale and 12334 Scarcella have been either sold or placed under contract.
  - c. 11314 Dorrance: Probate complete, Brother is in the residence and 98% compliant – (car in drive.)
  - d. 1 no compliance as of yet. 11306 Scottsdale (denial of ownership) (citations issued with June court date.)

He answered questions posed by the Council.

- c. Fire Department Response Statistics (April 2015) – Mayor Charles D. Jessup IV

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the report for April, which was filed in City records.

#### 4. Mayor's Comments:

- a. Voter Turnout

Mayor Jessup thanked everyone who voted and noted the turnout being a bit higher than the county percentage. He spoke about the push for voting centers being set-up throughout the county. Mayor Jessup also encouraged people to come out and vote more.

- b. Status of Meadows Place EMS

Mayor Jessup thanked EMS Director Victor Wayne Temple and Fire Chief Larry DiCamillo for their involvement with the EMS location in Meadows Place.

- c. Meadows Place Ranking & Recent Surveys

Mayor Jessup announced Meadows Place as ranked #2 for young professionals to move and live here. The City also received recognition for a great place to retire and safest places to live in the greater Houston area as well.

#### 5. Council Comments: None

#### 6. New Business:

- a. Approval of the Bid Award to Joe Salvide for the Dorrance Lane Street Improvement Project #PW2015-01

Mayor Jessup provided a brief overview of the project. Alderman Bezner moved to **approve** the bid award to Joe Salvide. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- b. Recommendations from the Planning & Zoning Commission & Possible Council Action:

Chair Heidi Case provided an overview of the items recommended to the Council below.

- 1. To Amend the Code to Place Hotels/Motels, Churches, Schools & Daycares Under Specific Use for All Commercial Districts

Alderman Isbell moved to **approve** the amendment as presented. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- 2. To Approve the Request from Texas Direct Auto (TDA), 11100 Dorrance Lane, Trailer for Car Payment & Delivery Area for Wholesale with Conditions

Alderman Staigle moved to **accept** the request based on the recommended Planning & Zoning conditions as follows:

1. Presents new site plan and drawings “architecturally and aesthetically pleasing to the general population” and “be constructed and exterior finished to blend and compliment the surrounding buildings and landscape.”
2. Shows relocated building to be against the fence on the East side of the parking lot.
3. Submits an engineer design for anchoring the trailer.
4. Trailer must be in handicap accessibility compliance such as ramps into the trailer offices.
5. Is able to pass all City inspections.
6. Must enhance landscaping to help obscure and beautify the building.
7. Agrees to remove the building from premises if Texas Direct Auto should leave, sell to another business, or no longer uses the Dorrance location.

Alderman Mills seconded the motion.

Ed Williams, Texas Direct Auto, presented a summary and site renderings.

Alderman Bezner inquired about the progress of the fascade of the shopping center. Mr. Williams noted there was a challenge with current owner of signs. He also noted the trailer project would be completed in 1.5 months.

Alderman Staigle questioned if unloading and loading took place at night. Mr. Williams responded in the affirmative and had received no complaints. Alderman Bezner questioned if it was tax generated. Mayor Jessup responded in the negative.

**Vote:** All voted in favor. The request passed unanimously.

## **7. Ordinances:**

### **a. Ordinance 2015-13:**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED UNDER CHAPTER 373 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Alderman Isbell moved to **table** Ordinance 2015-13 until the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **8. Resolutions:**

### **a. Resolution 2015-10:**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) BETWEEN FORT BEND COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Alderman Isbell moved to **approve** Resolution 2015-10. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 2015-11:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, APPOINTING BEAU ABDULLA AS 2<sup>ND</sup> ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Alderman Bezner moved to **approve** Resolution 2015-11. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Beau Abdulla introduced himself. Mayor Jessup congratulated him on his appointment.

9. **Consent Agenda:**

*All Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one (1) motion. There will not be discussion, unless an item is removed at the request of a Council Member.*

a. **Minutes:**

February 17, 2015 - Special	April 28, 2015 – Joint 1 <sup>st</sup> PH
March 24, 2015 – Workshop	April 28, 2015 – Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup> PH
March 24, 2015 – Regular	April 28, 2015 - Workshop
April 20, 2015 – Joint Special	April 28, 2015 - Regular
April 28, 2015 – Joint Special	May 9, 2015 - Special

b. **Presentation of Invoices:**

Randle Law Office LTD, L.L.P.      \$ 8,689.39

Alderman Bezner moved to **approve** the Consent Agenda with 4-20-15 being tabled to the next meeting. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. **Audience Comments** (*for matters NOT on the agenda*)

Mo Wolfe expressed concern with the recent power outage for 15 hours caused by lighting strikes blowing out a fuse located on the right-of-way. 45 houses were affected according to Centerpoint. He asked the City to work on preventing the problem from reoccurring. Mark McGrath echoed the comments and noted the issue had been going on for at least eight (8) years. He added that City inquires would be greatly appreciated.

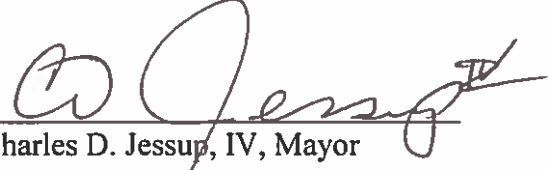
11. **Adjournment:**

Alderman Bezner moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**These minutes were approved by the  
City Council on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.**

ATTEST:

  
Janice M. Moore, City Secretary

  
Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

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