

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 08, 2005
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The special meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:36 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
Rick Staigle

thus constituting a quorum.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BAILEY ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN A PROPOSED FIRE STATION.

Due to increases in the cost of steel and concrete, the estimated cost of building this fire station has increased. Mayor McGrath noted that architect Jamie Knight with Bailey Architects has established a working relationship with the Stafford Volunteer Fire Department and they make a good team. Councilmember Piwonka made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-10**, as presented. Councilmember Henley seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, DESIGNATING AN APPOINTEE TO ATTEND THE RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE TO EVALUATE WHETHER A RURAL TRANSIT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE AREA SHOULD BE CREATED IN FORT BEND COUNTY.

Mayor McGrath said representatives from every city in the county need to combine their efforts on this project. Mayor McGrath said he would be willing to serve as the representative from Meadows Place to this conference. Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt this resolution, numbered **2005-03**, and naming Mayor McGrath as the city's representative to this conference. Councilmember McCann seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NUWEST GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION FOR CHANGE ORDER #3 TO REBUILD THE EXISTING SOFTBALL FIELD AT THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE COMMUNITY PARK.

Mayor McGrath noted that the softball field was moved due to the reconfiguration of the new jogging trail. In the past, a Meadows Place coached team playing in the Sugar Land Girl's Softball Association had done some work to the field.

Currently, some interest has been shown to revive the city sponsored adult soft ball league. The cost for the change order amounts to \$8,632.00 and the work can coincide with the new fence that is being installed along West Airport, thereby keeping construction costs down. City funds will pay for the change order as it is not part of any grant. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Piwonka to approve the ordinance, numbered **2005-11**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 79TH SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

Mayor McGrath explained this resolution is the result of a discussion held at the most recent Fort Bend Mayor & Council Association meeting. Each city has its priorities and if all the Mayors and City Councils in Fort Bend County join forces to endorse all the priorities, it is hoped the State Legislature will take better notice. The Legislative Agenda for Meadows Place includes support to increase the number of hours volunteer fire fighters can work as well as the city's position on caps to property appraisal rates. Our agenda will be forwarded to Missouri City Mayor Allen Owen who will compile the agendas from all cities and sift out the common items. Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt the resolution, numbered **2005-04**, as discussed. Councilmember Jessup seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath asked Councilmember Henley who has experience in advertising and marketing to begin the discussion of perception of the business climate in the City of Meadows Place. Councilmember Henley said that Advertising 101 is comprised of four absolutely must haves. They are attention, interest, desire and action. A long discussion followed regarding business friendly and the need to be consistent along with the desire to assist businesses in every way that we can. Councilmember Henley urged Council to be cognizant of what they are doing. Mayor McGrath noted a good example of the city being business friendly can be seen in how we have worked to meet the needs of the Senior's Village, Oasis and CVS Pharmacy projects. Councilman McCann stated that keeping your customers coming back is more important than signage. Council discussed pass-by vs. destination businesses.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Jessup made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Deborah Wood, Assistant City Secretary