

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 22, 2005
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
Rick Staigle

and the following absent:

Alderman: David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

Captain Jack Ashton gave the police report on incidents that occurred since the last regular council meeting. He noted there were seven reportable accidents, nine arrests made, 585 calls for service, 344 citations and 199 warnings written along with 50 incident reports. He noted one of our police officers was no longer with us when he was found to have committed a policy violation. The department is in the final stages of submitting a grant request for \$36,000 for radio equipment. The ten year old grandson of Officer Tracy Hudspeth has been diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer and has been named a junior officer of Meadows Place. There is a link to Christopher's progress on the city's website. A Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on March 8, 2005 in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. The Police Department is working on data comparing our City's crime statistics to those of surrounding cities. The Police Department will participate in a "Kid Print" project this Saturday at Denny's Restaurant.

Public Works Director Dan McGraw said that in the past month ECO Resources responded to 89 water related service calls. Of these, 77 were the city's responsibility and 12 were on private lines. They also responded to three sewer service calls, all of which were on private lines. Meadows Place Senior's Village should receive their building final in about two weeks. The Extended Day building at Meadows Elementary is nearly complete. CVS Pharmacy would like to open on March 7th. They are in the process of installing the brick and wooden fence between their property and adjoining residences. Major potholes on West Airport and Kirkwood are scheduled to be repaired in the next nine days. While we have received some help from the County on asphalt patching, their response is not rapid in coming. Phase One sidewalk repairs are complete. Phase Two will begin next Wednesday and Phase Three is scheduled for late April. Plans for the street repair project should arrive at City Hall tomorrow or Thursday.

Parks Director Monya Keenen then reported on parks projects. She said Grant One was close to being completed. Some drainage problems still need to be addressed and security lights will need to be adjusted. The shuffle board and hop scotch pads are to be painted by March 4th. Measurements for the pool decking, to be paid for out of Grant 2, will be made tomorrow. A Fun Run, to kick off the opening of the new jogging trail is scheduled for Friday, April 22. The run will begin at 7:00 and a Fun Walk will begin at 7:15. The school is scheduling a 100 yard dash for the children. Baseball and Swim Team will be selling concessions and a DJ will be on hand for music. The YMCA will be there to promote the summer camp they will hold in our city.

There were no audience comments at this time.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath noted:

- 1) Opening day for Baseball will be this Saturday with a parade starting at 9:00 a.m.
- 2) A meeting with those involved in the new fire station, on Kirkwood behind the Community Annex Building, was held this week. The architect hopes to have specifications ready to bid the project in June. It will take approximately four months to build. More information will be available at our March workshop meeting.
- 3) As of last week, the property adjacent to the Oasis Alzheimer's building has not yet closed. Their Planned Development Permit is valid only through the end of this year.
- 4) The new street repair project has been advertised. Council may need to hold a special meeting in March to award the contract.
- 5) It is hoped that a contract can also be awarded in March to build the parking lot on the HL&P power easement between the jogging trail and the Community Center.

During Council comments, Councilmember Henley said the city's Legislative Agenda would be presented to other county officials this Thursday. He is sure that legislatively, there will be some sort of appraisal cap placed on properties. It is hoped whatever is put in will have only a minimal effect on city finances. The Legislature is also looking at some sort of broad based business tax and/or some sort of sales tax to help with school financing.

Mayor McGrath 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 A PARKING LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC.

This Parking License Agreement, to build a parking lot on HL&P (Center Point Energy) property reflects the same cost per square foot as what the City of Stafford is paying for their license on the same easement. Originally the cost was three times as high but it was negotiated down by our Parks Directors. Councilmember Jessup made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-13**, to authorize the agreement as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath 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 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT FOR FIRE FIGHTING, FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE INVESTIGATION SERVICES.

Mayor McGrath explained the new contract is retroactive to October 1, 2004 and runs through September 30, 2007. The first year's cost, for fire fighting services, dispatch assistance and Fire Marshal Services will be \$118,000.00. Future payments will be tied to the City of Stafford's costs with a possible 3% increase in 2006. Councilmember McCann made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-14**, as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance;

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; ACKNOWLEDGING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR; AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE OFFICES;

IDENTIFYING AN OPERATIONAL ORGANIZATION; GRANTING NECESSARY POWERS TO COPE WITH ALL PHASES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WHICH THREATEN LIFE AND PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE; AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS FOR RELIEF WORK BETWEEN THIS AND OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

The county has informed us that we needed to update our old Emergency Management agreement with them. Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt this ordinance, numbered **2005-15**, as presented. Councilmember Staigle seconded the motion which carried with unanimous approval.

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 A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, AND FORT BEND COUNTY AND THE FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND AND THE CITY OF MISSOURI CITY, IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

This is the ordinance that council traditionally adopts allowing the city to join FBISD as well as Missouri City and Sugar Land in a joint election, administered by Fort Bend County's Election Administrator. If only incumbents file, the state allows us to cancel our election and there will be no charge to the city. If any of the incumbents draw an opponent, we will pay our pro-rated share of the costs to run the election. Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-16**, as presented. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Jessup and unanimously approved.

Expenditures to the following vendors were presented for ratification: Claunch & Miller, Inc. for December, January and February engineering services; InStar Services for painting the old tanks at the sewer plant; Joe Salvide for Phase One sidewalk work; Medtronic Emergency Response Systems for a Police Department defibrillator; Motorola for on board computers for our patrol vehicles (grant funds were received to pay for the defibrillator and computers) and NuWest for work to date on the jogging trail and drainage contracts. Councilmember Henley made a motion to ratify the expenditures as presented. Councilmember McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Marti Pattenson asked about the new fire station. She was told it would be manned by volunteers, and would resemble Stafford's Fire Station #2 but built on a slightly smaller scale.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember McCann made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary