

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF MARCH 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 David Piwonka Rick Staigle

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 six reportable accidents, two arrests made, 509 calls for service and 23 warnings written along with 29 incident reports. He explained another report given to Council that compares Meadows Place 2004 area crime statistics with those of surrounding areas. He noted one of the reportable accidents occurred at 6:45 a.m. in the school zone on Pender Lane. If this had occurred just a little while later there would have been a possibility of students or teachers being hurt. This is one of the reasons for "Zero Tolerance" in school zones. A collaborative effort between Code Enforcement and the Police Department led to the discovery of a stolen 18 wheeler trailer full of stolen air conditioning equipment in the old theater/Garden Ridge parking lot last week. A Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on April 19, 2005 in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. The May Neighborhood Watch Meeting will feature a discussion on home security.

Public Works Director Dan McGraw said that in the past month ECO Resources responded to 99 water related service calls. Of these, 94 were the city's responsibility and 5 were on private lines. 12.3 million gallons of water were pumped in February compared to 13.8 million gallons pumped in January. They also responded to four sewer service calls, three of which were on private lines and one city line. No final inspections were issued to Meadows Place Senior's Village, the Extended Day building at Meadows Elementary or CVS Pharmacy. There are some problems with ingress and egress at the apartments, the day care is still waiting on cabinets and CVS hopes to open by April 7th. They still have some minor fence issues with residents. Phase 3 sidewalk repairs have been delayed until March 30 due to rain. Responding to Council's questions, Mr. McGraw said there is no news yet on businesses going into the ground floor spaces of Senior Village and he will check into the screening of the garbage receptacles at this location.

Parks Director Monya Keenen then reported on park events. The Fun Run, scheduled for April 22, currently has about 20 registrations and forms can be downloaded from the city's web site. Volunteers are still needed for this event and she hopes everyone at the meeting will spread the news about the Fun Run. A barbeque cook off is being planned for Splash Night.

Parks Director Terry Modeland said all was in place to award the bid this evening for the new parking lot. Grant One construction is complete and the new jogging trail will be dedicated during the Fun Run. Grant Two pool decking is to be completed in time for swim team usage. There is some concern that funds for Grant Three may not be available due to state budget cuts.

During audience comments resident Marti Pattinson said the Neighborhood Watch Program was organizing an email campaign to inform residents about the program and she suggest the same be done for the Fun Run.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath noted:

1) During tonight's workshop session Council discussed city image issues on landscaping, logos/signs and buildings and a sub committee consisting of Councilmembers Piwonka and McCann was appointed to draft a recommendation for Council's review for next month.

2) Meadows Elementary School Carnival will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 11 – 4.

3) A special meeting may be held in April to discuss tennis court problems and substandard buildings – in particular the residence at 12018 Pender Lane.

During Council comments, Councilmember Henley reported on his recent trip to Washington D.C. to attend the National League of Cities meeting. He is on that organization's Transportation Policy Committee and their goal is to increase the amount of Federal Transportation Funds currently being paid to states to make them more equitable to what each state sends to the US Government in fuel taxes. Recently the allocation to Texas was raised from 83% to 90% and it is hoped this amount can be increased to 95%. During his time there, Councilmember Henley was able to meet with Congressmen Delay, Culbertson and Poe to discuss transportation issues. He also noted that Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison is a supporter of Homeland Security and would like to double or triple funding for boarder control issues.

Councilmember McCann then made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2005 special meeting; January 25, 2005 regular meeting; February 8, 2005 workshop meting; and February 8, 2005 regular meting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Henley and unanimously approved.

Mayor McGrath read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2.053 OF THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE DECLARING THE CANDIDATES NAMED HEREIN ELECTED FOR THE OFFICES STATED AS UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

Council called this election in January for May 7th. Both incumbents on City Council, Councilmember Henley in Position 4 and Councilmember Staigle in Position 5, filed for this election with no opponents. State Law allows cities to cancel their election in this instance, thereby saving the City a considerable amount of money. Councilmember Piwonka made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-17**, as read. Councilmember McCann seconded this motion which 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 A CONTRACT WITH A-TEC ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS, L.P., FOR PHASE THREE PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Mayor McGrath invited Terry Maher representing consulting engineers Claunch and Miller to explain. Mr. Maher said seven bids, ranging from the low bid of \$832,535 to a high bid of \$1,103,460.09, were received. The low bidder, A-Tec Engineers & Contractors, L.P., submitted all its requirements and its references were checked. Based on this, Mr. Maher said he was recommending that

Council award the bid to A-Tec for \$832,535. Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered, **2005-18**, awarding the contract to A-Tec Engineers and Contractors, L.P. for \$832,535 for Phase Three Pavement Improvements. Councilmember Piwonka seconded this 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 EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NUWEST GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION TO BUILD A PARKING LOT.

Mr. Maher said that four bids, ranging from \$55,902 for a base bid up to \$148,656 were received. NuWest Golf Course Construction was the low bidder. They have just completed work on the new jogging trail and are very familiar with what the city wants on this parking lot and believe they can complete the job at this cost. The base bid would provide 45 parking spaces. An Alternate Bid One would provide for up to 30 additional spaces and an Alternate Bid Two would provide for cement protection over an existing pipe line. After examining the situation, it was decided the pipe line could be protected with curb stops less expensively. Due to the low cost of the bid, it was decided that Alternate Bid One should also be accepted for a total construction cost of \$59,085. NuWest has done a good job with our park project and they are very cooperative. The new parking lot will go from the drainage ditch to a new driveway entering the project immediately adjacent to the jogging trail on Dorrance Lane. It will have a crushed gravel base. During discussion, Councilmember Jessup suggested steps be put in place to guarantee owners of big rigs did not park in the new lot. Councilmember Jessup made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-19**, as written, awarding the contract to build a parking lot to NuWest Golf Course Construction. Councilmember Henley seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

The city's investment portfolio as of December 31, 2004 was presented to Council for approval. It shows the city had approximately \$4.9 million invested in checking, savings and pooled funds. Councilmember Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann to accept the portfolio as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Expenses were presented to Council for approval. They were as follows: \$5,016 for our annual mosquito control contract, \$24,541.88 for bond sale related expenses, \$11,178.20 for bond legal counsel, and 11,589.50 for down payment on the new wrought iron fence to be installed along West Airport by the city park. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann to ratify the expenditures as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A bill to Claunch & Miller, consulting engineers, for \$15,600.96 for work completed in February was presented for Council's approval. Councilmember McCann made a motion to pay Claunch & Miller the money. Councilmember Staigle seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, resident Marti Pattinson said she agreed with Councilmember Jessup's concerns about big rigs being parked on the city's new parking lot. She also noted she was asked to and has approached the management company at Meadows Place Senior's Village to see about holding the Neighborhood Watch meetings at their facility but has not received a response as yet. She inquired if there was any news yet on the property at the southwest corner of West Airport and Kirkwood. Mayor McGrath said he heard that it may close as soon as this Friday.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember McCann made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary