

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF APRIL 26, 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.

Public Works Director Dan McGraw said that in the past month ECO Resources responded to 44 water related service calls. Of these, 39 were the city's responsibility and 5 were on private lines. 14.6 million gallons of water were pumped in March compared to 12.3 million gallons pumped in February. There were no sewer related service calls for March. Final inspections were issued to Meadows Place Senior's Village and CVS Pharmacy. The Extended Day building at Meadows Elementary is still not ready for a final. Phase 3 sidewalk repairs will begin in late May. Public Works employees have been busy with sprinkler system maintenance in the park and along esplanades. Tree trimming is continuing throughout the city, including along the sound walls.

Parks Director Monya Keenen reported on recent and upcoming park events. She said the first annual Fun Run had 118 paid participants. She said the weather was great. She thanked all the volunteers, including the police and public works departments. She said she heard many fine complements on the new fence along West Airport. The pool will open to the public the weekend of May 23rd and Splash Night will be Friday, June 3rd.

Captain Jack Ashton gave the police report. He said the next Neighborhood On Watch meeting will be held on May 17th in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a discussion on home security. He cautioned residents to check VOIP (Voice Over Internet Phone) services before purchasing them as 9-1-1 service may not work without special coordination with the 9-1-1 network.

During audience comments Boy Scouts Timothy and Thomas La Pointe from Troop 301 were introduced.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath noted a meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the distressed home at 12018 Pender Lane

There were no Council comments at this time.

Councilmember Henley then made a motion seconded by Councilmember McCann to amend the minutes of the April 12th workshop and special meetings to note that Councilmember Staigle was not present and then to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2005 regular meeting, the March 22 workshop and regular meetings and the amended April 12, 2005 workshop and special meetings as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council then discussed the exemptions to be allowed and the amounts or percentages thereof to be in effect for tax year 2005. Current exemptions are

\$15,000 homestead (or 13% of the value of the property), \$30,000 over 65, \$30,000 disabled person and a \$12-\$15,000 (based on percent of disability) disabled veteran. The over 65 and disabled person exemptions were just raised to \$30,000 last year from \$15,000. Councilmember Piwonka made a motion to approve the same exemptions as last year. Councilmember McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, REAFFIRMING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AS THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS.

Councilmember McCann made a motion to adopt the resolution, numbered **2005-05**, as read by Mayor McGrath. Councilmember Henley 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 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLAUNCH & MILLER, INC. TO PROVIDE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SERVICES.

This agreement will allow city personnel to upload and download various types of infrastructure information for \$300 per month. Claunch & Miller will be responsible for updating the information. Councilmember McCann made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2005-20**, as presented.

Mayor McGrath read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, CREATING A RURAL TRANSIT DISTRICT IN FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, TO SERVE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF FORT BEND COUNTY, AND SELECTING THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY TO ACT AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DISTRICT.

Mayor McGrath explained that various agencies in Fort Bend County transport residents without transportation to and from various places. The creation of a Rural Transit District will coordinate the agencies. Federal funds are available but the county cannot receive them until all cities in the county approve this resolution. It is expected current county funding will then be freed up to be used in other places. Councilmember Staigle made a motion to adopt the resolution, numbered, **2005-06**, approving the creation of a Rural Transit District in Fort Bend County, Texas. Councilmember Henley seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Expenditures to Bailey Architects for fire station documents in the amount of \$15,393.20, to NuWest Golf Course Construction for park improvements in the amounts of \$31,506.69 and \$25,464.18 and to Joe L. Salvide for various concrete projects for \$7,845.00 and \$10,000.00 were presented for ratification. Councilmember Henley made a motion to ratify the expenditures as presented. Councilmember Piwonka seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

There were no audience comments at this time.

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 8:17 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary