

CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

Conference Room, City Hall One Troyan Drive Meadows Place, TX 77477

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 24, 2014

Present were Mayor Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor Pro Tempore Terry J. Henley, and Aldermen Steven H. Bezner, John F. Isbell, Kelle K. Mills, and Rick J. Staigle. Also present was City Secretary Janice M. Moore, Police Chief Gary Stewart and Captain Jack Ashton.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Jessup called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Jack Ashton and the Invocation was led by Mayor Jessup.

2. Appointment: Mayor Pro Tempore

Alderman Bezner move to **appoint** Alderman Terry Henley as Mayor Pro Tempore. Alderman Isbell seconded, which passed unanimously. Mayor Jessup congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Henley on his appointment. He thanked everyone for the appointment.

3. **Presentations:** None

With no objections from the Council, Mayor Jessup moved up Item 10. Audience Comments.

10. Audience Comments:

Robert Quarles, district director of Congressman Pete Olsen's office, introduced himself and encouraged residents to visit his office.

4. Reports:

a. Police Department

Police Chief Stewart provided an overview of the monthly statistics and activities, which was distributed to the Council and filed with City records.

b. West Airport Blvd. Reconstruction Project

Alderman Staigle reported the following:

- Encouraged Patronize our businesses.
- Delay in construction due to rain.
- One lane in each direction for the next eight (8) months.
- Request for Amblewood and Meadow Trail at West Airport Blvd. to open. Mayor Jessup responding to this request in the next newsletter.

c. Public Works

On behalf of Public Works Director Dan McGraw, Mayor Jessup noted the following:

- The cement pad was for the water well #1 generator was completed.
- Public Works Director McGraw presented on water reuse at a recent Texas Public Works Association event.
- Public Works Director McGraw has been rebuilding city vehicles and working around the circular tank.
- Public Works Director McGraw working with Chief Stewart on the full implementation of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
 - d. Fire Department Response Statistics May 2014

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the report for May. He noted that a representative would be attending the next week. A copy was filed in City records.

5. Mayor's Comments:

a. 4th of July Parade Reminder

Mayor Jessup reminded everyone about the upcoming 4th of July Parade in the City. He noted that several dignitaries will be participating.

b. Budget Process Overview

Mayor Jessup noted that the budget workshops have begun and that we have implemented a conservative budget process. He thanked the department heads for their work.

c. Committees Forming Soon: Substandard Housing & Community Garden

Mayor Jessup announced the two (2) committees were in the process of being formed. He encouraged residents to volunteer and then provided a brief overview of the ordinance being proposed for substandard housing later this year.

d. Council/Planning & Zoning Commission Joint Public Hearing Scheduled for July 15th

Mayor Jessup announced the upcoming joint hearing with the Planning and Zoning Council and explained about the change to zoning district C-1 to allow drive thrus.

6. New Business: None

7. Ordinances:

a. Ordinance 2014-09 (B):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 111 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TITLED "PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS"; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Jessup read the title and provided a brief explanation.

Motion: Alderman Henley moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2014-09 (B). Alderman Staigle seconded the motion. Alderman Bezner requested if a violation of this ordinance was a felony. Mayor Jessup responded in the affirmative. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolutions:

a. **Resolution 2014-10:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, REMOVING EVER RAMIREZ AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER AND APPOINTING HIM AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE PLANNING & AND ZONING COMMISSION.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Isbell moved to **approve** Resolution 2014-10. Alderman Bezner seconded. Mayor Jessup spoke about the role of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion passed unanimously. The Council welcomed Mr. Ramirez who spoke of few words about the City's name "getting out" and it being "The Gateway to Fort Bend County."

b. Resolution 2014-11:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF STAFFORD 59 & AIRPORT LP TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION AT 12201 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY, STAFFORD, TEXAS.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

Motion: Alderman Staigle moved to **approve** Resolution 2014-11. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes:

May 27, 2014 Regular May 27, 2014 Workshop

b. Presentation of Invoices:

Fort Bend County WCID \$ 19,035.60 Randle Law Office \$ 20,678.40

Motion: Alderman Bezner moved to **approve** the Consent Agenda as presented. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

10. Audience Comments:

Nadya Shelton inquired if there were plans to remove the blockage from Amblewood during the 4th of July Parade. Alderman Staigle provided her with an alternative route. Ms. Shelton also requested an update on vacant houses. Mayor Jessup noted that the ordinance on substandard housing will address this issue and recommended that she contact the Code Enforcement Official Jerry Parker with specific requests.

Chuck McClerkeon requested notice of the substandard housing committee positions. Mayor Jessup noted that he would make an announcement in the newsletter. Ms. McClerkeon spoke in favor of the blockage to Amblewood.

11. Adjournment:

Alderman Bezner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Alderman Henley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved by the City Council on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

ATTEST:

Janice M. Moore, City Secretary

Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

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