



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON JUNE 27, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem, Terry Henley, at 7:31 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup IV
Mayor Pro Tempore, Terry J. Henley
Alderman, Steven H. Bezner
Alderman, Kelle K. Mills

City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford
Alderman, John F. Isbell
Alderman, Rick J. Staigle

Staff in attendance: Chief Gary Stewart and Captain Jack Ashton, Meadows Place Police Department; and Danny Segundo, Public Works Director.

a. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Invocation by: Chaplain Jim Russell, Meadows Place Police Department
Pledge by: Kurt Kopczynski, Meadows Place Resident

2. Reports

a. Police Department

Chief Gary Stewart gave an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report, which was distributed to City Council and filed with the City Secretary.

Chief Stewart stated that the Police Department currently has one open position for a full time officer and are reviewing applications. He also reported that the new Training Center/EOC is about 95% complete.

Chief Stewart stated that Neighborhood Watch meeting for this month has been cancelled due to low turnout, but they hope to host the August meeting in the new Training Center.

Mayor Jessup asked Chief Stewart how many of his officers will be attending the July 4th Parade. Chief Stewart responded that all officers, including all Reserve Officers, will be at the parade.

Alderman Bezner stated that there is a state law to ban texting while driving and he knows that Sugar Land recently passed a similar a law. He wanted to know if the Chief thought a law like that would be good for the City of Meadows Place. Chie Stewart stated that he thinks a hands free law is good and studies show that these laws cut down on the number of accidents. Alderman Henley said that the TML board believes this law is going to be revisited in the Special Session and the City should wait and see what happens.

Alderman Isbell reported that he has almost been hit twice at the first intersection on Kirkwood due to people running the stop sign. Chief Stewart stated that he will have officers monitor the intersection.

Alderman Bezner stated that he recently heard of potential murder at the Waffle House in Stafford jurisdiction and saw the MPPD also responded. Chief Stewart stated that our department was just there as back up.

b. Public Works

Public Works Director, Danny Segundo, gave the quarterly report for Public Works, a copy of which has been filed with the City Secretary. Mr. Segundo also introduced Corey and Byron from USW who were in attendance in case Council had any utility questions. Below are a few key points he mentioned.

Mr. Segundo reported that his department is currently gathering information on the streets to determine repairs for the next budget year.

Mr. Segundo also reported that several inlets and curbs have been damaged due to residents installing drains. He suggested that Council look at a permit for curb cuts.

Staff is addressing sidewalks that are a trip hazard. Mr. Segundo stated that the City does have a line item for side walk repairs and he and his staff try to address to worse ones first.

There was brief discussion among Council and Mr. Segundo regarding street repairs, tree trimming and banning trees near sidewalks.

Mr. Segundo then reported on Water/Sewer Plant maintenance. He reported that they had to repair a motor that went out and the repair was about \$14,800.

He then reported on completed and ongoing projects for the Public Works Department.

Alderman Isbell asked if the sidewalks could just be leveled. Mr. Segundo stated that he would have to look into that, but he has no experience with that.

Alderman Henley asked were there any chemicals other than chlorine added to the water going the residential homes. Mr. Segundo stated that chlorine is the only chemical added.

c. Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2017

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the Stafford Fire Department report for May 2017 which was filed with the City Secretary.

3. Mayor's Comments

a. 4th of July Parade

Mayor Jessup reminded everybody that they City will be hosting the July 4th parade. There will be more to do at the end of the parade this year like food trucks, dinosaurs, and music. He said thank you to the Parks Department, YAC, Police Department and Public Works for all of their work in making the parade a success.

b. Council Retreat Overview

Mayor Jessup reported that Council met in a Retreat on June 24th from 8 a.m. until about 12:30 p.m. He stated that it was a good retreat and they discussed way to improve the City. Mayor Jessup stated that the City has a great Council and he appreciates each of them.

c. Budget Season

Mayor Jessup stated that Council and Staff have started budget preparations for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Council and Staff will hold their first Budget Workshop on July 8th and Police, Administration, and Court will present their budgets for review. He's proud to see how well the Finance Department works with the Department Heads and all have a good understanding of their budgets.

d. EDC Appreciative/Actions

Mayor Jessup reported that Meadows Place EDC is very active. Members are reaching out to realtors and potential retail establishments.

e. Legislative Comments

Mayor Jessup reported that there is a lot of negativity coming out of legislation, but there are a couple good bills. HB1166 is a positive bill allowing utility ROW use and work within the easements. HB1111 in reference to sex offenders gives Cities authority to restrict where they can live.

4. Council Comments:

a. Update on Kirkwood Reconstruction Project – Alderman Rick Staigle

Alderman Staigle reported that the 75% design phase has been completed and he and staff are currently reviewing the cost and sending comments to HDR. He hopes to go out for contract late this year or early next year. Alderman Staigle also reported that there are no plans to take rights-of-way from residents.

Mayor Jessup thanked Alderman Staigle for his expertise and help with this project.

b. TML Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Henley

Alderman Henley stated that TML is very concerned about the Legislative Special Session. He gave brief update on legislation to cut school taxes, increase property taxes, and revenue caps for Cities.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. **Consider Resolution No. 2017-17 accepting the 2017-2018 Texas Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Rerate Notice and Benefit Verification Form Setting the Employer Funded Defined Contribution Rate for Employee Medical, Dental, Long Term Disability, Basic Life and AD&D, Voluntary Dependent Life and Additional Employee Life and AD&D Coverage.**

Alderman Isbell moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-17 accepting the 2017-2018 Texas Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Rerate Notice and Benefit Verification Form Setting the Employer Funded Defined Contribution Rate for Employee Medical, Dental, Long Term Disability, Basic Life and AD&D, Voluntary Dependent Life and Additional Employee Life and AD&D Coverage. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, Staigle, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

- b. **Consider Resolution No. 2017-18 accepting the 2017-2019 Rerate Notice from VSP Vision Care and Setting the Employer Funded Defined Contribution Rate and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into an agreement for employee and dependent vision coverage.**

Alderman Henley moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-18 accepting the 2017-2019 Rerate Notice from VSP Vision Care and Setting the Employer Funded Defined Contribution Rate and authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into an agreement for employee and dependent vision coverage. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, Staigle, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

6. Consent Agenda

- a. **Consider approval of the Minutes held on:**

May 23, 2017 – Workshop Meeting

May 23, 2017 – Regular Meeting

- b. **Presentation of Bills**

AVES Audio Visual Systems, Inc.	\$10,769.35
M&M Industrial Services, Inc.	\$ 8,400.00

Green Flush Technologies	\$ 5,000.00
HDR, Inc.	\$19,792.00
HDR, Inc.	\$17,318.00
Ramtech Building Systems, Inc.	\$34,108.60
Randle Law Firm LTD, LLP	\$ 5,927.39
Randle Law Firm LTD, LLP	\$ 4,127.61
James Creasser	\$ 5,242.59
James Creasser	\$ 2,689.00

Alderman Staigle moved to approve all items of the consent agenda. Alderman Mills seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, Staigle, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

7. Audience Comments

Lee Gibson, resident at 11631 Scottsdale Drive, stated that he first he wanted to thank God for the Meadows Police Department. He also thanked Council for all that they do. He stated that he and his wife are longtime residents who raised two daughters in Meadows Place. He and his wife are now foster parents and want to get more involved in the Community and build relationships.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda Alderman Bezner moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, Staigle, and Mills

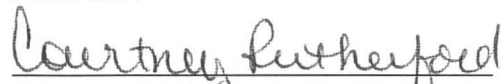
Nays: None

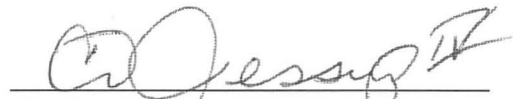
The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

ATTEST:


Courtney Ruthford, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

