

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 28, 2006
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 Kulhanek Charles Jessup Rick Staigle David Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Captain Jack Ashton gave a report on police activities since the last regular council meeting. He said there were six reportable accidents (an average amount,) 26 arrests (up some from previous months,) 1626 calls for service, two city ordinance violation citations issued and 479 traffic citations issued. Seven city ordinance violation warnings and 106 traffic warnings were also issued during this time frame. The police department conducted 176 "close patrols" and 387 business checks during this time. They also conducted 118 checks on our park and surround areas.

There were no audience comments at this time although Councilmember Kulhanek recognized Boy Scout Timothy LaPointe who said he was working on his Eagle Scout project with the Parks Department.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McGrath reminded everyone about Christmas Memories to be held from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday, December 8th.

During council comments, Councilmember Henley explained a Public Education Program from the Texas Municipal League that is scheduled to begin in January entitled "Texas Cities Work" that will help to explain to residents the value of city services and what city services are all about.

Councilmember Jessup said he attended a CBLT (Campus Based Leadership Team) meeting on Monday. He found out that the school population is up by 5.75% since the start of school. Most families reside in Meadows Place. The city is experiencing an increase in families with small children.

Councilmember Kulhanek then made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2006, workshop, joint public hearing and regular meetings and the November 14, 2006 special meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Henley and carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then submitted a proposal to council to change the date of the December 26, 2006, regular City Council meeting to December 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup to change the date as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS
PLACE, TEXAS, FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS**

**COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY, PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS
OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE.**

Mayor McGrath said he was recommending Council reappoint Gary Franks to this Board. Councilmember Jessup made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2006-38**, reappointing Mr. Gary Franks to a two year term to the city's Board of Adjustment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE TO
SERVE IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF
MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS.**

Mayor McGrath said that two years ago Council appointed Deputy Court Clerk Beverly McMinn to this position and it has worked out very well. Court violators appreciate having a judge at City Hall during the day. He recommended Council reappoint Judge McMinn to another two year term. Councilmember Wilkens made the motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2006-39**, appointing Judge McMinn to another two year term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek and approved by unanimous consent.

Council then considered adopting a policy regulating the use of the city's playing fields to outside groups. Councilman Kulhanek, who helped to develop the policy together with the Parks Department, explained that outside parties want to use our baseball facilities, particularly the newly lit major's field. While priority is to be given to Meadows Place Base Ball (Meadows All Play) this policy will allow other groups to use the fields as well as require that they maintain them. The policy provides for rules and fees. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to adopt the policy as written. Councilmember Wilkens seconded the motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Council then acknowledged receipt of a recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission involving a proposal to amend Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place entitled "Planning and Zoning Regulations" Article X entitled "Signs." Section 24-1008 entitled "Signs – Residential," subsection (4) limiting the amount of time before an election when political signs can be placed. Mayor McGrath noted that a joint public hearing was held and the Planning Commission held another meeting at which time they considered the comments heard during the public hearing. Their recommendation to Council was to prohibit political signs in residential yards to no sooner than 30 days before the election for which they are advertising. Councilmember Jessup made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor McGrath said he would ask the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the City's Code.

Bills were presented to Council for ratification. After examination, Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup, to ratify the expenditures as presented. The motion carried by unanimous approval.

There were no audience comments at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary