

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF JULY 24, 2012  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup, 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 Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Charles Jessup

Alderman: Terry Henley  
John Isbell  
Terry Morgan  
John Whiteman  
Dave Wilkens

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The Pledge to the Flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 301, North Star District, Sam Houston Council. Councilman Wilkens gave the invocation.

Chief Stewart reported on Police activities since the May regular Council Meeting. He noted there were nine reportable accidents, nine arrests, 1607 calls for service, 55 offense reports, 220 traffic citations issued, no code ordinance violation citations issued, 84 traffic warnings and no city ordinance warnings issued. There were five motor vehicle burglaries, four residential burglaries and three business burglaries reported. Officers made 347 business checks, 640 house watches and 670 property checks this past month. Surrounding agencies are experiencing an increased amount of residential/vehicle burglaries. Chief Stewart also reminded residents that if they see something suspicious, do not hesitate contacting the police department.

Parks and Recreation Director, Monya Keenan reported Parks Department activities since April, 2012. It was another successful year for this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The starting parade lineup was different. Participants were asked to line up on Troyan Drive, by City Hall and then proceed onto Dorrance, following the usual parade route. This year's parade judges were Elaine Herff, Beverly McMinn, and Patty Spade. Thanks to all who helped with the parade including Council, Public Works, Police, Parks, the pool lifeguards and Fire Chief DiCamillo.

The life guards received the Platinum award for 2010 and 2011 and are hoping for another in 2012. Tracey Spiller is our new Aquatics Director. Although Scot Herff was awesome, Tracey is quickly filling his shoes. The new pool access system wristbands are working well. A Kid Fish Derby will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012. Several turtles were pulled out of our lake and released further downstream in the bayou, saving many fish eggs from being eaten.

Mayor Jessup gave the April Fire Department report. He said there was a recent residential structure fire whereby he was surprised that any of the house was saved. He

praised the Fire Department as well as Police Officer Nix who saved the two dogs that were home alone at the time. He noted the Stafford Fire Department made 22 total calls to the city during the month of May, most being made on week days during the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jessup then made the following comments: 1. Yolanda Wilson will be sworn in as City Secretary on Monday August 28, however Elaine Herff will remain as City Treasurer on a part time basis. 2. Recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 301 who were in the audience at this time. 3. Noted that on Monday morning there was a diesel spill that was traced to Well #3 however Dan McGraw, Public Works Director did a fantastic job addressing the problem by notifying all the appropriate agencies including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Hazmat. The City lost between 100 to 150 gallons of diesel fuel. 4. Reminded everyone that if they suspect something is going on out of the ordinary at their neighbor's house to call the police and not take the matter into their own hands. 5. Building permits are on the rise. While the City incorporates only 14 acres of commercial land to be developed, and the City has released over \$1,000,000 in permits this month and we expect the number of permits will be higher next month. 6. A transition in IT functions is underway. Captain Jack Ashton carried the City's IT duties for many years. We have now captured the use of technology and we are moving forward with an outside company.

Councilman Terry Morgan then made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilkens, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2012 workshop and regular meetings and July 10, 2012 workshop meeting.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

**CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-11 to CORRECT SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilman Whiteman made a motion seconded by Councilman Wilkens, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2012-30**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Council then accepted the presentation of the Quarterly Investment Report. Councilman Isbell made a motion to accept this report as written. Councilman Morgan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Wilkens then made a motion to pay the bill to Randle Law Office, Ltd, L.L.P. for \$8,220.16. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whiteman and unanimously approved.

Councilman Terry Morgan made a motion to ratify a bill to Joe Salvide for \$16,995.00 for concrete work completed in the city. Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, resident Dee Dee Drought of 11955 Brook Meadows, a 20 year resident, said she is very concerned about recent burglaries. She said the brochures provided by the police department are very good and she would like to see the crime statistics on the city's website and in the newsletter. We all need to heighten our awareness. Then Mayor Jessup discussed police awareness brochures. He said they will be delivered in our newsletters, announced on our website and also be available at City Hall.

Resident Shirley Isbell, 12326 Scottsdale Drive, a resident for over 25 years and currently active in the Garden Club, reminded residents that membership in the Garden Club only costs \$25.00 per person or \$35.00 per family. She also reminded residents that the Home and Garden Club Craft show is November 10<sup>th</sup> and a home show will still be held in the spring.

Resident, Chuck McClurken of 11947 Brighton stated his family has provided 2 or 3 vehicles for the parade every year for many years but his mother felt slighted when the City did not ask to use his vehicles this year. The Mayor stated he hope he would participate in the future and asked if he signed up to ride in this year's parade. Mr. McClurken answered no.

Jerry Alwias, North Star District, Sam Houston Council, Boy Scout Troop 301 Scout Master, said the eight Scouts in the audience were working on their Citizenship in the Community badges. He noted it is a Scouts duty to service and he thanked the City for their long standing support.

Mayor Jessup asked that each Scout come up to the podium, state his name and ask a question. Patrol Leader Joey Rubbico, aged 13, asked when Meadows Place was established. He was told the first homes were built in 1968 and the City was incorporated in 1983 with a name change in 1997 from Meadows to Meadows Place.

Cameron Corredor, aged 16 and a Life Scout working on his Eagle Scout designation asked what types of legal jobs are offered in Meadows Place? Mayor Jessup noted we contract with our City Attorney, with no in-house legal representative.

Shea Braund, a Life Scout, asked if there were any plans to expand the city pool. Mayor Jessup said that is a dream of his – to add something like a splash pad, but no plans are in the works as yet.

Matt McKey, a Life and Eagle Scout, asked what was one of the biggest things he accomplished as Mayor. Mayor Jessup said that would be building the lake last year, mostly with in-house labor and filled with reclaimed water. The reclaimed water will also be used to irrigate city property and run the waste water treatment plant, saving the city \$15,000 to \$16,000 this year alone.

Alvin Simon, Assistant Patrol Leader, asked if the City is still planning on having roundabouts. Mayor Jessup answered that he just returned from a weekend trip to Branson, Missouri where they have several roundabouts. Roundabouts are becoming

increasing common all over the country. The issue will be addressed again in a couple of years.

Peter Nakawanon, a Patrol Leader, asked if we were going to do anything else as big as the lake. Mayor Jessup said Council was hoping to turn the utility easement into a meadow with trails and walking paths.

Alex Alwais, a Life Scout, asked what the other responsibilities of a City Secretary and Mayor were. Mayor Jessup said the City Secretary is a legal position set by the State of Texas. Besides attending meetings and recording minutes, she is responsible for city elections, finances, human resources, insurance liaison and, records management among other things. The city has a Strong Mayoral form of Government with the Mayor acting as Chief Financial Officer. He also sets the agenda and is in charge of planning and long term items.

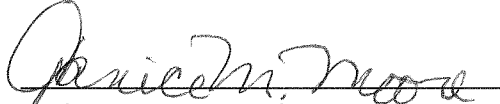
Jeremy Torres, an Eagle Scout who completed his Eagle Scout project at a Wheel Chair Ranch, asked how many employees the city has. The city has approximately 44 employees during the summer months and approximately 25 during the other months.

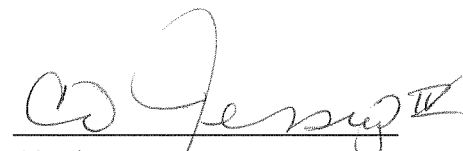
Mayor Jessup said the Scouts have now participated in City Government. Councilman Wilkens said he appreciated the Boy Scouts holding firm to their beliefs.

There being no further business to consider, Councilman Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilman Isbell, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**These minutes were approved by the  
City Council on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.**

ATTEST:

  
Janice M. Moore, City Secretary

  
Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

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*Transcribed by Yolanda Wilson, Former City Secretary*