



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M., AT MEADOWS PLACE TRAINING CENTER, 11975 W SIRPORT BLVD., MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS 77477.**

**A. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Charles D. Jessup IV, at 6:10 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV	Mayor Pro-Tem, Rick J. Staigle
Alderman, John Isbell	Alderman, Steven H. Bezner
Alderman, Kurt Kopczynski	Alderman, Kelle K. Mills
Nick Haby, City Administrator	City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford

Staff in attendance: Anna-Maria Weston, Finance Director and Gary Stewart, Police Chief

**B. Discussion with the City Attorney regarding time frame, process, and potential cost for becoming Home Rule.**

City Attorney, Grady Randle, attended via teleconference. He reviewed the process for a City to become Home Rule. The first step to becoming Home Rule is to adopt resolution declaring that the City's population has reached 5,000 or more. Then take the following actions as listed:

1. Select a charter commission via one of the following:
  - a. The City Council selects the charter commission;
  - b. The charter commission is selected at a mass meeting; or
  - c. The mayor appoints a charter commission.
2. The charter commission meets as necessary to prepare a proposed charter, which must be prepared so that, to the extent practicable, each subject may be voted on separately.
3. The charter commission completes its work.
4. The City Council orders a special election to submit the proposed charter to the qualified voters of the City, to be held on the first authorized uniform election date that allows sufficient time to comply with other requirements of law and that occurs on or after the 40th day after the charter commission completes its work.
5. Before the 30th day before election day, the City Council orders the City Secretary to mail a copy of the proposed charter to each registered voter of the City.
6. The proposed charter is adopted if it is approved by a majority of the qualified voters.<sup>i</sup>
7. The charter does not take effect until the City Council enters an order in the City's records declaring that the charter is adopted.

8. As soon as practicable after the City adopts the charter, the Mayor shall certify to the secretary of state an authenticated copy of the charter under the City's seal, showing the approval by the voters.
9. The City Secretary shall record the charter in the City Secretary's office, either on microfilm or in a book kept for that purpose.

**C. Review and discuss the proposed 2020-2021 Police Department budget.**

Police Chief, Gary Stewart, stated that this is 9<sup>th</sup> year to present his budget before Council. He then gave a detailed overview of proposed budget items for the Police Department.

Chief Stewart stated that he is requesting additional funding for salaries and benefits, one new police vehicle, security cameras

Questions were posed by Council and there was discussion among Council and Chief Stewart regarding staffing, vehicles, and facility use and possible expansion over all. A copy of the Police Department presentation was filed with the City Secretary.

**D. Review and discuss 2020-2021 Municipal Budget Tax Rate, Revenue and Expenditures projections.**

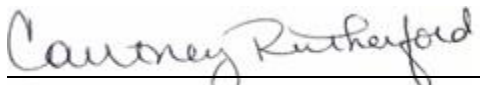
Council briefly reviewed the City's projected revenue and expenditures.

**E. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

**These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.**

**ATTEST:**



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Charles D. Jessup IV, Mayor

