



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON JULY 25, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Charles D. Jessup IV, at 7:34 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup IV	City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford
Mayor Pro Tempore, Terry J. Henley	Alderman, John F. Isbell
Alderman, Rick J. Staigle	

Alderman, Steven H. Bezner and Alderman, Kelle K. Mills were not present.

Staff in attendance: Captain Jack Ashton, Meadows Place Police Department; and Colene Cabezas, Parks & Recreation Director.

a. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Invocation by:	Chaplain Jim Russell, Meadows Place Police Department
Pledge by:	Katie Ray, Resident and YAC Member

B. Reports

1. Police Department

Captain Jack Ashton gave an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report, which was distributed to City Council and filed with the City Secretary.

Captain Ashton stated that the Police Department still 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.

Captain Ashton stated that Neighborhood Watch meeting for this month has been cancelled.

2. Parks & Recreation

Parks and Receptions Director Colene Cabezas gave the quarterly report for the Parks and Receptions Department. Ms. Cabezas, stated a few key points and highlights from the previous quarter, a copy of which has been filed with the City Secretary.

A few key points for the quarter are listed as follows:

- Pool Area Refurbished – New amenities include chess, connect 4, water slide, flower baskets, concessions, new pump, filter and sand

- Splash Pad – Installed statues and landscaping
- Beautification at the Kirkwood Road Entry signs and banners added throughout city on Dorrance and West Airport
- Amblerwood House – Cleaning, demo, design, quote. Regis Construction as offered to donate their labor to remodel the house for the City.
- Inclusive Playground – Met with designers, sponsors and supporters. Begun to raise funds for equipment.
 - So far the YAC group as raised \$3000 raised; one fundraising event was the World Series Dog Show “Katy” where YAC worked 315 hours.
 - Another supporter of this project is Helfman Ford. They have provided, marketing opportunities, auction items and Eric Helfman presented the City a \$25,000 check towards the project.
- Ms. Cabezas thanked the Police, YAC, Council, the Mayor, and Parks Staff for helping making the events of the past quarter a success. These events include: Cinco De Mayo Concert, Country Western Street Dance, Kid Fish-CCA Partnership, Splash Night, 3 Bare Foot N Fridays, and the July 4th Parade. The July 4th parade had 95 vehicles plus walking groups and bicycles, 3 Music groups including a live band and one from New York City.
- Upcoming events for the Parks Department include the completion are the July 29 – Color Run / Outdoor Movie, Last Bare Foot N Friday, Oktoberfest on September 29th, Fall Festival on October 7th, and the Pumpkin Patch.

3. Fire Department Monthly Report for June 2017

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

C. Mayor’s Comments

1. 4th of July Parade Recap

Mayor Jessup thanked Ms. Cabezas, the Police Department, staff and the residents who made this parade a success. He stated that this year’s parade was one of the best that the City has had in years, especially at the end. He reminded everybody to go watch the video of the parade. He stated that he has received a lot of positive feedback.

2. EOC / Training Center Video

Mayor Jessup stated that he and staff are working with Erickson Advertisement to create a video of the EOC and Training Center. So far staff has come up with some really good ideas. Erickson Advertising is currently working a cost estimate for the City to review before moving forward. This video will also be able to be used as a recruitment tool.

Mayor Jessup stated that he is so impressed with staff and their level of cooperation and willingness to work together. He stated that proves the strength of City Staff. He again thanked Chief Gary Stewart, Public Works Director, Danny Segundo, City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford, and Parks & Recreation Director, Colene Cabezas for their hard work.

3. Budget Season

Mayor Jessup reported that Council and staff have started reviewing the different departmental budgets. The City also received numbers for the appraisal district and are starting to firm things up. Mayor Jessup again praised the City staff for the professionalism and stated that he has all the confidence in the world of the current staff at the City.

D. Council Comments:

a. TML Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Henley

Alderman Henley gave a brief update on the legislative session and talked about the possible revenue cap bill being reviewed.

Alderman Henley also stated that HB3329 was recently passed that states that cities can no longer charge a registration fee for electrical contractors that are licensed with the state. Mayor Jessup stated that he disagreed. He interpreted HB3329 to state that cities can no longer charge any fees to electrical contractors including permit fees.

E. Regular Agenda

1. Accept the Second Quarterly Investment Report ending June 2017

Alderman Isbell moved to accept the Second Quarterly Investment Report ending June 2017. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, and Staigle

Nays: None

Aldermen Bezner and Mills were not present.

The motion carried

2. Consider Resolution No. 2017-20 in opposition to a revenue cap and legislative interference with local service.

Alderman Henley moved to approve Resolution No. 2017-20 in opposition to a revenue cap and legislative interference with local service. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, and Staigle

Nays: None

Aldermen Bezner and Mills were not present.

The motion carried

F. Consent Agenda

a. Consider approval of the Minutes held on:

June 24, 2017 – City Council Retreat

June 27, 2017 – Workshop Meeting

June 27, 2017 – Regular Meeting

July 8, 2017 – Special Session and Budget Workshop

July 18, 2017 – Special Session

b. Presentation of Bills

Randle Law Firm LTD, LLP	\$ 5,168.50
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Fort Bend County Tax Office	\$14,279.20
HDR, Inc.	\$12,370.00
Rode Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 5,397.50

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

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, and Staigle

Nays: None

Aldermen Bezner and Mills were not present.

The motion carried

G. Audience Comments

None.

H. Adjourn

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

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, and Staigle

Nays: None

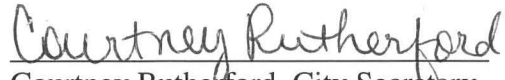
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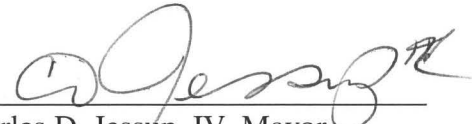
The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

ATTEST:


Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary


Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

