

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF JULY 24, 2007
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:33 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 Jessup Charles Kulhanek Rick Staigle David Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Captain Jack Ashton gave a report on police activities since the last regular council meeting which was June 26, 2007. He said there were seven reportable accidents, 10 arrests, 1,681 calls for service and approximately 600 citations issued. There were two bicycles stolen, one from a resident's front yard and one from an open garage. There were three vehicle burglaries reports. Police conducted 352 business watches, 866 house watches and 112 close patrols during this time period. This has been a relatively low crime month. Captain Ashton noted that at their weekly Fort Bend County Police Chief's meetings, area agencies are noting that Meadows Place has several programs in place that they are interested in and they are beginning to request details from our Police Department. Councilmember Staigle asked if there was any noticeable increase in criminal mischief due students out for school for the summer months. Captain Ashton said there was a report of golf balls thrown through a window and one car was reported scratched with its antenna broken off.

During Audience comments, Mr. Brock Ramey noted that as a result of an email sent to council, Councilmember Jessup requested that he bring pictures of violations. Mr. Ramey said he took the pictures but didn't have time yet to develop them. Mayor McGrath asked if he had called the code violations to the attention of the Code Enforcement Officer yet and he also noted that he had checked with the gentleman Mr. Ramey said was also complaining but was told there was no complaint.

Mayor McGrath said he would defer his comments at this time.

During Council comments, Councilmember Staigle said the Cub Scouts would be holding a car wash at the Community Center this Saturday. Councilmember Wilkens noted that Tracey Spiller, our Code Enforcement Officer was doing a great job and that the department was very understaffed. Mayor McGrath & Councilmember Henley agreed with Councilmember Wilkens. Councilmember Jessup talked about the proposed Wall of Heroes. He said the Community Center was a better place to hang these 5X7 plaques than City Hall as there was more community participation there. The oak plaques will have a place for the soldier's picture, the soldier's name, his/her branch of service and where the soldier is deployed to. He is thrilled and honored to be a part of this project. The plaques are being paid for by the soldier's family and will belong to them when the soldier returns from serving in the military. Councilmember Jessup also noted that the first "Ladies Night Out at the Pool" was a

big success and he commended the Parks Department for looking into new and innovative things to bring to Meadows Place residents.

Councilmember Staigle then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2007 workshop and regular meetings and the July 17, 2007 special and workshop meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUN PORTS (A BRAND OF USA SHADE & FABRIC STRUCTURES, INC.) TO BUILD A CUSTOM MARINER SHADE STRUCTURE, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT, FOR \$19,048.00

This structure is to be paid for out of the matching grant received from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The area can be utilized as an out door class room by Meadows Elementary students. It will be constructed with the same material that is there now providing some shade to the baseball fields. It will be approximately 30' by 30' and will be positioned between the majors and T-ball playing fields. The agreement will not be signed until approval is received from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Councilmember Jessup made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered **2007-14**, as read. Councilmember Henley seconded the motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2006-36 WHICH AMENDED CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION 24-805, ENTITLED "PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT – OASIS MEDICAL CAMPUS," FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-USE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT, ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT, PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE TO MAINTAIN CONTINUING JURISDICTION, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE AND OPINION OF COUNSEL.

Mayor McGrath noted that the Planned Development issued for the Oasis campus contained an acute care hospital. The developers have since determined this is not a good idea and would like to change the used for that space to a condominium tower for seniors. There will be approximately 180 units. The entire structure should be valued at approximately \$50 million. The opening of the new Alzheimer's building is imminent. It is hoped that a final decision to amend the Planned Development can be reached at council's September meeting. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2007-15**, as presented inserting the time and date as August 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Staigle seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Councilmember Henley then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup, to ratify the expenditures as presented on the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Trish Wilkens commended Dan McGraw on the great landscaping and its upkeep on West Airport at Dairy Ashford. She said it looks beautiful. Councilmember Staigle asked where the joint landscape project with Sugar Land and Stafford along Dairy Ashford stood. Mayor McGrath said we were waiting for Stafford's approval on their part.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary