

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF MARCH 25, 2008  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup 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 Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Charles Jessup
Aldermen:	Heidi Case Terry Henley Charles Kulhanek Rick Staigle David Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Councilmember Staigle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Chief Baker gave an invocation.

Captain Jack Ashton then gave a report on police activities since the last regular council meeting which was February 26, 2008. He said there were six reportable accidents, ten arrests, 1207 calls for service, no city ordinance citations but 473 traffic citations issued and 4 city ordinance and 106 traffic warnings issued. There were two burglaries of motor vehicles during this time. Most of the accidents were at West Airport and the U.S. 59 feeder road. During this time, police completed 214 business checks, 107 close patrols, 315 house watches and 125 other security checks. A traffic stop for no license plate revealed cocaine in the vehicle and a traffic stop for no seat belt usage in the Kirkwood/Dorrance area revealed a gang member who lives in the city, with hidden Zanex and marijuana in the vehicle. Some "tagging" (gang graffiti) has taken place in the city. Mayor Jessup said we must inform people to call the police right away when they see something wrong going on.

Public Works/Public Utilities Director Dan McGraw gave his report. He said that last month trees have been trimmed so that street lamps can do their work. Also more sand blasting of city roads took place and more will continue in 3 to 4 weeks. 4,500 feet of storm lines have been televised during our storm drain study. 30 cubic yards of debris were removed from our storm sewers. There are 2700 feet of sewer lines still to be televised. We have 13 miles of storm sewer piping. Pack 301 is scheduled to stencil storm drains on two weekends in April. Public Works employees are working on lighting the 14 fixtures along the wrought iron fence line on West Airport. The ramp crosswalk at Valencia and Dorrance will be fixed so that the dirt stays put. Public Works, the Parks Department and EDC are collaborating on new landscaping along the west side of the Community Center. Rain keeps pushing off the asphalt overlay project on West Airport. This will hopefully be finished next week. Mr. McGraw will attend a tree print workshop on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

During audience comments, Morris Waxler, a six year resident of Meadows Place, asked why there has been no response to his two e-mails concerning drainage behind his home and the new strip center along Kirkwood. Mayor Jessup will meet with Mr. Waxler to discuss the problem.

Blayne Jackson addressed Council. He and his friend have been fixing up properties in Meadows Place for resale. They are currently working at 11706 Kangaroo Ct. He said it has been a great experience and that there is great community spirit in Meadows Place. He hopes to market our city to great families. He has a copy of the EDC promotional brochure.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup noted the very nice write up in the Houston Chronicle regarding Councilmember Staigle who is the new Vice Chairman of Government Relations with the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Staigle said

his job is to line up speakers at both the state and local level to speak at Chamber monthly luncheons. Mayor Jessup also noted that he and Mr. McGraw will be attending the Public Hearing of the Board of Directors of the Fort Bend Subsidence District.

During council comments, Councilmember Kulhanek noted that, starting at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon, Boy Scouts will be dropping off bags at residences to be filled with food and then to be picked up Saturday morning by Cub Scouts. He also noted that the city's presence was active at Old Town Meadows. We assisted in the Jail booth and children enjoyed riding in the back seat of a patrol vehicle. The police presence was felt throughout the event as a very positive presence.

Councilmember Wilkens commented on the new logo sign on the back wall of the Council room.

Minutes from the September 25, 2007 workshop and regular meetings and the October 30, 2007 workshop and regular meetings were presented for approval. Councilmember Henley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek and unanimously adopted.

The next agenda item, a presentation to the Dulles High Boy's Basketball team was tabled at the request of the Dulles High School principal.

Council then reviewed the Revised Policy Manual with Chief Baker. Chief Baker said he began to review the policy when he began work here well over one year ago as a result of a need identified by the 2006 Council. A model policy from the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool was studied and adapted to the City's particular needs. Many hours were spent. Twelve critical tasks were identified as being a necessity for any police manual. Should council approve this manual with no substantial changes, it will be provided to officers on-line and included in their on-line training. The policy will be updated as needed. Councilmember Henley noted there was some concern that the old manual was not being followed. He then made a motion to approve and accept the new policy manual as presented. Councilmember Wilkens seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE TO BE HELD ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, AT \_\_\_\_\_ O'CLOCK \_\_\_\_M. AT THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, ONE TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO HEAR ANY AND ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY MATTER OR QUESTION INVOLVING A PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS," ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "ZONING REGULATIONS," DIVISION 1, ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY," BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION 24-539, ENTITLED "ARCHITECTURAL RESIDENTIAL AESTHETICS," ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO REGULATE PAINT COLOR FOR NEW AND EXISTING RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

This public hearing will be for comments regarding paint colors on residential dwellings. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2008-05**, calling the Joint Public Hearing for April 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Heidi Case seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**ON AN ORDINANCE CALLING A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE TO BE HELD ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, AT \_\_\_\_\_ O'CLOCK \_\_\_\_M. AT THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, ONE TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO HEAR ANY AND ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY MATTER OR QUESTION INVOLVING A PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT OF MR. SHOUKAT DHANANI AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

This public hearing will be for comments regarding the owner's proposal to demolish the car wash and expand the building/restaurant at the corner of Dairy Ashford and West Airport. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2008-06**, calling the Joint Public Hearing for the same time and date as the 1<sup>st</sup> on – April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Henley seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup 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 A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2008-07**, authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into a joint election agreement and contract for election services with Fort Bend County, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TEXAS LAWN WORKS FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ON THE WEST AIRPORT, DAIRY ASHFORD AND KIRKWOOD ESPLANADES.**

Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2008-08**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Staigle then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to ratify the expenditure of \$23,399.70 to Joe Salvide as presented on the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no audience comments at this time.

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 8:40 p.m.

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Elaine Herff, City Secretary