

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF JULY 22, 2008
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:30 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
Aldermen:	Charles Kulhanek Rick Staigle David Wilkens Heidi Case Terry Henley

thus constituting a quorum.

Councilmember Staigle led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Jessup gave the invocation.

Sergeant Richard Simmons gave a report on police activities since the last regular council meeting. He said there were 13 reportable accidents. There were 7 arrests made, 1396 calls for services, no city ordinance violations or warnings, 595 traffic violations, 165 traffic warnings, and 51 incidents where an officer is requested. There was a suspicious activity report today at Radio Shack. A customer tried to use an altered driver's license and a fraudulent credit card. That person is now in jail. The police-initiated RAD-Kids Program is underway.

Terry Modeland, Co-Director of the Parks Department gave an update of Parks Department activities since the April 2008 regular council meeting. The scoreboard is going up today at the baseball field. Thanks to Wallis State Bank for sponsoring this. The official unveiling is tentatively set for September 20, which is Opening Day for Fall Ball. Through a grant received from Texas Parks and Wildlife, we have contracted with Division III for completion of the walking trail, the new trail at the elementary school, and new signage and drain work. Work should begin this week with completion in 30 days. The 4th of July parade this year was one of the best ever. Jack Shaw took some great pictures. Thanks to Councilmember Case and her son, LCpl Stuart Case. Barefoot 'n' Friday Nights have been successful this year. The Movies and Bingo are going well. Pool crowds are steady this summer. A Lifeguard is now stationed at the gate to check cards as residents and guests come in. We will have an estimate on the saltwater conversion at the pool soon. Parks Assistant Kelly Schnarr will be leaving soon for college. Kristina Hickle will take her place. Forty pavers have been sold to date. The field house restrooms now have an access system, which opens the doors at 6 a.m. and locks them at 10 p.m. The pool staff was audited recently and received an "exceed" in all skill areas. Mayor Jessup noted that Scot Herff, Pool Aquatics Director, is an outstanding trainer. The next 25th anniversary meeting will be July 24 at 3 p.m.

During audience comments, Pat Altman, Meadows Place resident, said that at the corner of Mulholland and Meadowdale, there has been a pick-up truck with a refrigerator in its bed parked in front of the house for at least 15 days. Mayor Jessup said he would check with the Code Enforcement Officer about this.

Tricia Wilkens, Meadows Place resident, said that about a month ago during morning traffic, a white Jeep was driving erratically on West Airport. She informed Chief Baker after the council meeting last month and the issue has since been resolved.

Alex Bello, Meadows Place resident, will host a brunch for Congressman Nick Lampson this Saturday, July 26th, from 10 – 11 a.m. Alex interns at Congressman Lampson's office in Stafford and will begin Law School in August.

Priya Sinha, owner of Great Wraps Café located in the new Meadows Place Square, said it is wonderful being here in the City of Meadows Place. She wants to be a part of the community. She knows she is in a great location, but she would like to put up some signs at

the corner of West Airport and Kirkwood temporarily. Mayor Jessup welcomed Priya to Meadows Place. He said he is thrilled to have her here and thanked her for providing dinner for Council's workshop meeting tonight. Mayor Jessup also said that sign ordinances are set up for a reason and we strictly enforce them. There may be an opportunity under the Sign Ordinance for Great Wraps and he will look in to it. Mayor Jessup also welcomed Christopher Pham, owner/developer of Meadows Place Square.

Albert Trimble, Meadows Place resident for 32 years, wanted an explanation about the water bill and the new garbage contract.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup said that Council is trying to anticipate expenses for next year. There will be a new line item for surface water conversion. The Police Department has set a price for fuel costs. We are going to install UPS systems (uninterrupted power systems) in police vehicles, which will allow the vehicles to be turned off and still maintain power to in-vehicle computers, etc. The Police Department is getting new patrol vehicles, which will cost less and use less fuel.

Mayor Jessup also commented about the new garbage contract. The new rate will be \$18.10 per household per month. Diesel fuel prices rose from \$1.25 per gallon in 2005 to near \$5.00 per gallon in 2008. The City changed from Republic Waste to WCA Waste Corporation of Texas because Republic's contract included a fuel surcharge and WCA's did not. We will have a three-year contract with WCA. The City eliminated once-a-year heavy trash pick up, saving the City about \$22,000.

Mayor Jessup explained the new Surface Water Conversion fee. The City is part of the Fort Bend Subsidence District. By a State Mandate, we are required to convert to surface water so we joined the Fort Bend Water Control and Improvement District #2 (WC&ID #2). They purchased 80+ acres for retention and conversion. The fee right now is \$1.82 per 1,000 gallons pumped. If we had not joined WC&ID #2, the fee would be \$3.50. By 2030, we must convert to 70% surface water usage.

During Council comments, Councilmember Henley said that residents in Crystal Beach on Bolivar Peninsula are paying about \$3-\$5/1000 gallons pumped. He said we are all suffering but we had to do this. Mayor Jessup reminded everyone if you see a leak, call City Hall.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DIVISION III CONTRACTORS FOR MEADOWS PLACE COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 & 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,229.76

Since Council authorized the Mayor and City Secretary to sign the contract in May, Councilmember Henley motioned to table the item. Councilmember Kulhanek seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO ADOPT CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, ORDINANCE NO. 2008-253, A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION ORDINANCE, PROHIBITING THE USE OF DESIGNATED GROUNDWATER FROM BENEATH A 15.6635-ACRE (682,302 SQUARE FOOT) TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE DAIRY SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 23 AND BLOCK 1, RESERVE "A" OF CORPORATE CENTRE WESTCHASE, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED AT FILM CODE NUMBER 528260, BOTH OF THE HARRIS COUNTY MAP RECORDS, AND SAME BEING OUT OF THE RESIDUE OF A 99.416-ACRE TRACE CONVEYED TO TEXAS AND NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD COMPANY AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 3091, PAGE 298 AND VOLUME 3091, PAGE 305 OF THE HARRIS COUNTY DEED RECORDS (H.C.D.R.), WEST PARK DRIVE, A 100-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY (R.O.W.) AS RECORDED IN THE HARRIS COUNTY CLERK'S

FILE NUMBER (H.C.C.F. NO) F324484, THE RESIDUE OF A 6.7912-ACRE TRACT CONVEYED TO CRYSTAL CHEMICAL COMPANY AS RECORDED IN H.C.C.F. NO. G154538, THE HARRIS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT EASEMENTS AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 6872, PAGE 340 AND VOLUME 7185, PAGE 146 H.C.D.R. AND CALLED 3.8001-ACRE TRACE CONVEYED TO UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY AS RECORDED IN H.C.C.F. NO. X654006, LOCATED IN THE HENRY WOODRUFF SURVEY, ABSTRACT 844, CITY OF HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, GENERALLY LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION BELTWAY 8 AND WESTPARK DRIVE; AND SUPPORTING ISSUANCE OF A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

This resolution supports a Municipal Setting Designation required by the TCEQ. Councilmember Kulhanek explained that this would not affect our water quality because our wells draw from ground that is in excess of 1000 feet below the surface. The area in question is only 10-50 feet below the surface. Councilmember Henley made a motion to approve the resolution, numbered **2008-03**, as read. Councilmember Wilkens seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval.

There were no audience comments at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary