

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF OCTOBER 28, 2008
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:32 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: Heidi Case
Charles Kulhanek
Rick Staigle
David Wilkens

and the following absent:

Alderman: Terry Henley

thus constituting a quorum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Councilmember Wilkens gave the invocation.

Captain Jack Ashton gave a report on police activities since the last regular council meeting on September 23rd. He said there were eight reportable accidents, all occurring from Wallis Bank east to the freeway. During this time there were also 13 arrests, 1574 calls for service, zero city ordinance violation citations issued and 747 traffic citations issued. There were also 61 offenses that occurred, six city ordinance warnings and 213 traffic warnings given. One burglary of a motor vehicle occurred as well as one business and two residential burglaries. Business checks totaled 302 and 172 house watches and 720 property checks were made. A new radKids program will start on December 5th. The Police Department is gearing up for Halloween, the city's 25th Anniversary celebration and Christmas Memories. The two new Dodge Chargers will be totally equipped and on the street in two to three weeks. At this point it is undecided as to whether or not to make the "Ghost" car a slick topped vehicle or not.

Parks Director Monya Keenen reported on Parks and Recreation activities that have occurred for the past three months or that will occur soon. Last Saturday the semi-annual animal clinic took place at the Community Center parking Lot from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.. On November 15th the Parks Department will help Councilmember Heidi Case and the Public Works Department put on the city's 25th Anniversary Celebration. To date 193 commemorative bricks have been sold for \$50 apiece. Phase two brick sale is in place. Bricks will sell for \$60 now. A first class brick design was selected today and will be in place for the celebration. There will be live music, words from the current Mayor as well as our previous three Mayors. Christmas ornaments, courteous of Wallis State Bank will be given to the first 500 residents who show up. An Apache Helicopter will land in conjunction with the opening ceremonies at 3:00 p.m. Fireworks will conclude the event at 7:00 sharp.

Additional Parks items: Christmas Memories will take place on Friday night, December 12th. There will be carriage rides, snow hills, live music, food and Santa Claus. Lights are now lit on the fence down West Airport. The Phase One TP&WL grant is complete and paid in full. Phase 2 is substantially complete and paid in full. Phase 3, which includes the Ft. Bend ISD extended day program's playground structure and the addition to the jogging trail as our matching grant funds only lacks the butterfly garden, which will be installed in the spring, and interpretive signage to be completed. The new wrought iron fence along the parking lot down the ditch, across from the Community Center is complete.

During audience comments, Jim Donoghue, of the 11300 block of Brook Meadows asked for an update on mall activity. Mayor Jessup said the owner had secured some contracts just before IKE hit. He has some grand ideas and we are hoping they can put it all together.

Jim Edwards of the 12200 block of Meadow Bend Court asked if we had a franchise agreement with Comcast. We do.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup announced that tomorrow council would leave for San Antonio to attend the annual Texas Municipal League Annual Conference. This is an

opportunity for cities to share their common problems and look for common solutions. Council will get together as a group upon returning to share their findings.

There were no Council comments at this time.

Minutes of the September 9, 2008, public hearing (corrected), the September 23, 2008, workshop and regular meetings were presented for approval. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to accept the minutes from the three meetings as presented. Councilmember Staigle seconded this meeting which carried unanimously.

Council then discussed changing the date of the regular December council meeting from December 23rd to December 16th. Several members of Council would not be in town on the 23rd, due to the Christmas holidays. Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case to change the date of the December meeting to December 16th. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF BELLFORT CLEANERS TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) FOR A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION (MSD) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8761 WEST BELLFORT, HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS 77031 AND ADJACENT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to adopt the resolution, numbered **2008-04**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF WEST BELT BUSINESS PARK TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) FOR A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION (MSD) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10651 HARWIN DRIVE, HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS 77036 AND ADJACENT PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to adopt the resolution, numbered **2008-05**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS AND TEXAS LAWN WORKS FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE OF CITY OWNED ESPLANADES.

This is a continuation of a contract between the City and Texas Lawn Works for esplanade maintenance. Councilmember Staigle made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2008-29**, as presented. Councilmember Kulhanek seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS AND TEXAS LAWN WORKS FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FOR CITY OWNED PARKS, EASEMENTS AND WATER STATIONS.

A decrease in Public Works staff has allowed funds to be shifted to cover the cost of this contract. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2008-30**, as presented. Councilmember Wilkens 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 AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

**COUNTY OF FORT BEND AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE
PROVIDING FOR THE HOUSING OF CITY PRISONERS FOR A ONE
YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING ON
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.**

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion to authorize the Mayor and the City Secretary to sign the ordinance, numbered **2008-31**, allowing the County to house our City prisoners. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle, 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 AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE FOR DISPATCHERS THROUGH THE FORT BEND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR NECESSARY COMMUNICATIONS ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2010.

This agreement is for a two year term, expiring on September 30, 2010. Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion to authorize the signing of the agreement for dispatch service for the two year term. Councilmember Staigle seconded the motion and the ordinance, numbered **2008-32**, was approved with unanimous consent.

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 AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE FOR USE OF THE COUNTY'S RADIO SYSTEM FOR A ONE YEAR TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2009.

Councilmember Case made a motion to approve this ordinance, numbered **2008-33**, authorizing the signing of this agreement for use of the County's Radio System for a one year period. Councilmember Wilkens 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 AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND HDR/CLAUNCH & MILLER TO RENEW ITS SUBSCRIPTION TO ONLINE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM ("GIS") HOSTING SERVICES.

Councilmember Kulhanek made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2008-34**, to renew the GIS hosting services contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Staigle then made a motion to ratify the expenditures for as presented on the agenda. Councilmember Case seconded this motion with 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 Case to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary