

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 24, 2009
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:31 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
Dave Wilkens

and the following absent:

Alderman: Terry Henley

thus constituting a quorum.

Colors were presented by Taj Salih, Tyler McAdams and Terrance Williams, all members of Webelos II, Pack 301. Pack leader Steve Bezner led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Councilmember Dave Wilkens gave the invocation.

Police Captain Jack Ashton reported on Police activities since the last regular Council Meeting. He noted there was only one reportable accident, five arrests, 1066 calls for service, 58 offense reports, 335 traffic citations and 138 traffic and nine city ordinance warnings issued. There were six motor vehicle burglaries, no residential burglaries and one building burglary. Police officers completed 283 business checks, 151 house watches and 472 property checks during this time period. House watches and property checks are expected to increase next month due to the upcoming holidays. All officers will be attending our Christmas Memories event on December 11th from 6 to 10 p.m. They are coordinating with the Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments to see where they are most needed, especially around fire works time.

Kathi Sutton, Code Enforcement Officer gave a report on her activities since August. She has issued 62 warnings to residents, mostly for high weeds and grass, 28 warnings for boats & trailers parked where visible from the street, several warnings for trees not clearing 16 feet over streets and/or 10 feet over sidewalks, 152 sign warnings with one citation issued, 42 trash and 21 deteriorating fence warnings 13 pool issues along with 68 warnings for other miscellaneous offences. She also completed 26 health inspections and 22 residential occupancy inspections. Today in District Court the city was granted a permanent injunction against an owner who has refused to bring his property up to code. She plans to address fences that are too close to the property line on side lots. They must be at least 30 feet off the center of the right of way on the side street.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup noted that: 1: Water tests indicate we will be able to use the effluent from the Waste Water Treatment Plant to fill our new lake in the park as well as for irrigation along West Airport Blvd. This will save the cost of using freshly pumped water for these uses. Also, 331 new diffusers are being installed at the Plant. This will save on the cost of electricity. 2: He will meet with Larry DiCamillo next week regarding possible grants available for our Fire Department equipment wise. 3: City Hall employees have completed mandatory Identify Theft training required by Federal Red Flag Alert rules. 4. All alarm permits expire on December 31st. Current costs have not been studied since 1992 and it has been decided to raise the cost of new alarms permits to \$35 and renewal alarm permits to \$25.

There were no comments from Council at this time.

Council then considered a proclamation naming December 11, 2009 as Bob Stolting Day in Meadows Place. Councilmember Wilkens moved to adopt the proclamation as presented. Councilmember Case seconded the motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Councilmember Staigle then made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 27, 2009 regular council meeting and the November 3, 2009 special council meeting as presented. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek, carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kulhanek then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to change the date of the December regular council meeting from Tuesday, December 22nd to Tuesday, December 15th. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS RELATING TO THE RETAIL GAS UTILITY RATES OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND AS CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS; DENYING RATE INCREASE REQUEST AND MAINTAINING CURRENT RATES IN EFFECT, CONTAINING FINDINGS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This ordinance denies the rate increase requested by Centerpoint Energy Entex. A motion was made by Councilmember Staigle and seconded by Councilmember Wilkens to approve the ordinance, numbered **2009-33**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 9, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS," ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," SPECIFICALLY SECTION 9-2, ENTITLED "FEES," BY REPEALING ANY AND ALL REFERENCES TO THE 1999 STANDARD SWIMMING POOL CODE.

This ordinance deletes reference to the 1999 Standard Swimming Pool Code as this code no longer exists but can now be located in the Building Code currently in effect. Councilmember Case made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2009-34**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS ADOPTING A WRITTEN IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM POLICY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S MAYOR TO APPROVE CHANGES IN THE POLICY.

This resolution brings the city into compliance with Federal Law. Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek to adopt the resolution, numbered **2009-12**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS E 11 VOTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORT BEND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek, to adopt the resolution, numbered **2009-13**, giving all 11 of the City of Meadows Place votes to Mary Gayle Brindley. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Staigle then made a motion to approve the expenditure to Joe Salvide for concrete work in the city for \$11,460. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilkens and carried unanimously.

There were no audience comments at this time.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary