

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF OCTOBER 26, 2010  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:34 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  
Shirley Isbell  
Dave Wilkens

and the following absent:

Terry Henley  
Rick Staigle

thus constituting a quorum.

The pledge to the flag was led by Councilmember Heidi Case, and the invocation was given by Sugar Grove Church of Christ member Darlene Willis..

Police Captain Jack Ashton reported on Police activities since the September regular Council Meeting. He noted there were three reportable accidents, 11 arrests, 1865 calls for service, 56 offense reports, 319 traffic citations, zero code citations and 135 traffic and 16 city ordinance warnings issued. There were six burglaries of motor vehicles, one residential burglary, no building burglaries. Officers made 608 business checks, 197 house watches and 734 property checks. It is expected that the amount of house watches will increase during the upcoming holiday season.

A traffic stop on Kirkwood at Scottsdale was the result of an incident that occurred on Kirkwood at Belfort. Two individuals ran from the vehicle. One was apprehended immediately and the second was found hiding in the bushes near the town homes. Both individuals had outstanding warrants issued for them.

There was a good turnout for the October 7<sup>th</sup> National Night Out. Police assisted in directing traffic during the second annual Fun Run hosted by Sugar Grove Christian School. There will be police presence at Sunday night's Halloween Carnival.

A \$34,000 grant has been received for two automatic License Plate readers and a Digital Camera system for the Police Interview Room. The new 2011 Chevy Tahoe vehicle arrived yesterday.

Parks Director Monya Keenen reported on activities in her Department since the July 2010 regular Council meeting.

Saturday's Fun Run had 196 registered runners. SGCS hopes to continue having this Fun Run on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of October each year. They experienced a \$21,000 profit this year.

A new piece of playground equipment is going into McDonald Park. The bulletin board near the gravel parking lot on Dorrance is complete. The bridge rails on Dorrance are being painted. A verbal "go-ahead" has been received from the TCEQ to proceed with the lake project, being filled with reclaimed water. The electrical project at McGrath Park is nearing completing. This will allow for special events to be held without the use of renting generators and will also provide electricity to the new lake.

The Halloween Carnival will take place this year after a one year hiatus. It is being coordinated by Michelle Wittman. Boy Scouts, Swim Team and Baseball will all participate. The next Mobil Animal Clinic is scheduled for November 6, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center parking lot. Santa's Mailbox will be up from November 24 through December 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Parks' annual Christmas Memories event will take place on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Santa, a Snow Mountain and other activities. Councilmember Isbell said she hopes to invite area realtors to these events so they can showcase the City we live in.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup: 1: announced a new contract was approved for Fire Suppression and Fire Marshal services. 2: Noted he is continuing with his weekly calls to city residents and is finding out that a majority of them Love living in the City of Meadows Place. 3: Gave a 15 minute presentation to the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Corporation that was very well received. He appreciated the support of Council Members Henley and Isbell, who were also in attendance at this meeting.

Councilmember Case then made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 28 workshop and regular meetings. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilkens and approved unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read a resolution honoring all who served - Veterans Day 2010. Councilmember Wilkens made a motion to adopt the resolution, numbered **2010-09**, as read. Councilmember Case seconded this resolution which carried unanimously. The resolution will be presented at the November Rotary meeting.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance.

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC WITHIN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS; DENYING A RATE INCREASE AND MAINTAINING IN EFFECT THE CURRENT RATES THAT SHALL CONSTITUTE THE CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC RATES TO BE OBSERVED WITHIN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS UNTIL CHANGED UNDER THE UTILITIES CODE; MAKING FINDINGS AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2010-24**, denying the rate increase as proposed by CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC as read. 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, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR DISPATCH SERVICE BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2010, AND AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING ON EACH ANNIVERSARY, SUBJECT TO THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THEREAFTER**

Councilmember Case made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered **2010-25**, approving the agreement for Dispatch Service between Fort Bend County and the City of Meadows Place, as read. Councilmember Wilkens seconded the motion to adopt the ordinance. 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, 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 TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**

Mayor Jessup reminded Council that adoption of this ordinance will require the City to upgrade our vehicle computers and new MDT's since the Sheriff Department is being required to upgrade their system. This will be costly but purchasing all new equipment would be more costly. Councilmember Isbell made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered **2010-26**, as presented. Councilmember Wilkens seconded the 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 FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN MATERIALS AND SERVICES, SUCH AGREEMENT AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING ANNUALLY.**

Councilmember Case made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2010-27**, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wilkens and unanimously approved.

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 Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2010-28**, as presented. 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 APPROVING THE DISSOLUTION PLAN OF THE "MEADOWS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;" AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2010-29**, as presented. 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 DETERMINING THAT THE CREATION OF A 4B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS ADVISABLE AND APPROVING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE CREATION OF SUCH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2010-08**, 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  
APPROVING A MAP AS THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE  
LOCATIONS AND BOUNDARIES OF WEAPON-FREE SCHOOL  
ZONES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF  
MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT  
ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OCCURRING  
UNDER CHAPTER 46 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE WITHIN  
THOSE LOCATIONS AND BOUNDARIES.**

This resolution approves the weapon free zones, as required by the State of Texas, in the City of Meadows Place so that those committing or attempting to commit a crime within these areas will receive a stiffer penalty upon conviction. It does not preclude a resident from owning a weapon to protect his/her family or possessions. Councilmember Case made a motion to approve the resolution, numbered **2010-10**, adopting the map, as presented. Councilmember Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Council then discussed rejecting all bids received for landscaping maintenance on October 13, 2010. The original bid notice did not allow for enough time to legally accept the sealed bids. Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens, to reject all the bids received on October 13<sup>th</sup> and to put the project out for bid once again. The notice will run in the newspaper tomorrow (October 27<sup>th</sup>) and next Wednesday (November 3<sup>rd</sup>) with bid opening on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Wilkens then made a motion to pay Randle Law Office \$15,678.82 as presented on the agenda. Councilmember Case seconded this motion which carried unanimously. .

During audience comments, resident Walter Wells, 11600 Block of Brook Meadows, said he has an issue with the drug free/weapon free signs. He believes they give the folks who commit crimes the impression that residents in those zones are not allowed to own weapons and are, therefore, more vulnerable to be robbed or burglarized.

Shea Braund, 12300 block of Meadow Hollow, introduced himself as a member of Boy Scout Troop 301. He said he is a Star Scout and a candidate for Eagle Scout.

Kay Ewing, 12000 block of Alston, reminded Council that the Meadows Home and Garden Club's annual Craft Sale was being held on Saturday, November 5, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Saint Thomas Aquinas Church Hall on West Belfort St. There will be over 40 booths selling their crafts and Boy Scout Troop 301 will be selling their Barbeque.

Chuck McClurkin, 11900 block of Brighton, said he knows that it is legal to park cars in driveways but wondered if it was legal to park cars on the grass? While it is not legal, certain circumstances may warrant this type of situation, just as it did last week when a major water line burst beneath a driveway and the owners could not find the car keys, necessitating the vehicles be pushed onto the grass. Mr. McClurkin was asked to call City Hall if he notices any other vehicles parked in the grass. Residents should not assume an infraction has been called into City Hall unless they do the calling.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Elaine Herff, City Secretary