

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 21, 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:

Alderman: Terry Henley
Rick Staigle

thus constituting a quorum.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Jared and Andrew Whitman from Boy Scout Troop 103, in the audience this evening earning their communication badge. The invocation was led by Councilmember David Wilkens.

Police Chief Mike Baker reported on Police activities since the November regular Council Meeting. He noted there were five reportable accidents, nine arrests, 1871 calls for service, 36 offense reports, 318 traffic citations, no code ordinance violation citations and 90 traffic and 11 city ordinance warnings issued. There were no motor vehicle burglaries, one residential burglary and no building burglaries. Officers made 567 business checks, 265 house watches and 783 property checks this past month.

Chief Baker said there have been several credit card fraud cases in the city in recent weeks. Other law enforcement agencies in the area have reported a good number of victims using bank cards at the same restaurants - none of which are in Meadows Place. Sugar Land Police Department, who share information with Meadows Place PD on an ongoing basis, reported a significant increase in gang activities. New laptops for patrol cars are in and are being programmed at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. License plate readers are installed on the new Tahoe and on one of the Chargers. There were no issues with Christmas Memories and the traffic ticket count is down due to the officers being in a Holiday Spirit. Laser Shot has provided a patrol officer training demonstration for our Police Department a few weeks ago. Most every officer was able to spend time going through numerous scenarios. Mayor Jessup said he was impressed with the professionalism exhibited by Captain Stewart during the training. Councilmember Wilkens reminded everyone they must come in to the Police Department in person to fill out the House Watch forms. Councilmember Isbell said she has some questions for the Chief concerning the Laser Shot program and would call him during the week.

Public Works Director Dan McGraw spoke about activities in his department during the last three months. September through November saw an average of 526,000 gallons of water being pumped daily. This is 84,000 gallons less than were pumped the previous quarter. There were two main line breaks during the month of October. The City entered a new contract with Southwest Water on Dec. 1st. There is a new operator - Jake - working in the City for SW Water. The City's Permit Department issued 24 permits this last quarter, the majority being for new driveways. The SECO Grant, which enabled us to put in a new air conditioning system for the Police Department and to tint windows in the Council/Court Room and along the southwest side of City Hall is complete. We

receive our check for \$40,303 today. The water reclamation project - using treated wastewater effluent to fill our lake and, eventually water most of our esplanades, will soon be underway. We will be one of the first cities of our size to have a complete-cycle project like this and it will keep 210 million gallons of water off of our pumpage amount annually. Reworking of all the valves and orifices at the STP is scheduled to be complete by the end of January and painting will follow. Year three of our Storm Water Management Plan is underway. All commercial businesses will be visited to explain that paper and trash left in their parking lots will go down the storm drains and end up in our waterways.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup: 1: gave the Fire Department Report for November noting there was an increase in total calls made from 16 to 30 incidents in the past month. 2: remarked that over 1,000 folks visited our Christmas Memories. Monya did an outstanding job putting the event together. Electricity was installed so generators did not need to be rented this year and the electricity will be used also for the lake project. 3: announced that former Councilmember Leen Zellers passed away this month. She was a strong advocate for the City of Meadows Place and will definitely be missed by our City. 4. announced that the Planning Commission recently approved colors to paint the vacated Pappas Grill and Steakhouse and legal papers have been drawn up to expedite business in this area.

Councilmember Wilkens then made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 23, 2010 workshop and regular meetings. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Isbell and unanimously approved.

Jennifer Day with McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC addressed Council regarding the 2009-2010 audit. She said her company gave the city an unqualified opinion. Information on the 1997 scheduled bonds will need to be re-worked some. Councilmember Case made a motion to approve the 2009-2001 audit subject to possible final modifications. Councilmember Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously. Mayor Jessup said he wanted the record to reflect that Ms. Jan and her team did a fine job in record time, and he thanked her for this effort.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2008-18 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-12 REGARDING THE REGULATION AND APPROVAL OF RESIDENTIAL PAINT COLORS.

This ordinance allows residents to receive approval for paint colors for the exterior of their homes from city staff, as long as the colors correspond to colors on the Behr Paint Chart. Councilmember Isbell made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2010-35**, as read. Councilmember Wilkens seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

ON ORDINANCE APPOINTING REGULAR MEMBER(S) OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, (CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION) FOR A TERM BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012 PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE.

Mayor Jessup said he was recommending the reappointment of Bob McDonald, Brian Swinney and Travis Tanner along with new member Patrick Lindquest to the Board. Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2010-36**, as read. The members will

stay in their appointed offices for a two year term. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING REGULAR AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE.

Mayor Jessup recommended reappointing the current members of the Board as follows: Gary Franks, Clyde Little, David Piwonka, Douglas Schroeder, and John Whiteman as regular members and W. Ken Blankenship as an alternate member. These members would serve a two year term. Councilmember Case made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2010-37**, reappointing the current members and alternate member to a new two year term to the Board of Adjustment. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wilkens then made a motion to pay the amount of \$5,000.00 to Marion Montgomery, Inc. and \$17,000.00 to McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC as presented on the agenda and to ratify the payment of \$72,566.83 to HDR Engineering Firm for engineering work on West Airport. Councilmember Case seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, resident John Whiteman, 11400 block of Brook Meadows, again stated he was in favor of maintaining Kirkwood as a four lane, divided street and opposed to narrowing it to two lanes with roundabouts.

Boy Scout Jared Whitman, 12300 block of Scarcella, noted the city has always been clean and asked why people smoke in the parks and make them unclean? Mayor Jessup noted those are rude, selfish, inconsiderate people who throw their cigarette butts instead of taking them with them.

Boy Scout Andrew Whitman asked when the lake project would begin. Mayor Jessup responded that in mid January, work would commence from the Sewer Treatment Plant down the easement to the park. The County has received the verbal go ahead and plan to begin moving their heavy equipment in mid February.

Mayor Jessup thanked Council for their hard work during the past busy and tough, but exciting year. He thanked the Staff, noting he appreciated their efforts on the City's behalf. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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 8:40 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary