

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF JANUARY 25, 2011  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:3 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  
Terry Henley  
Shirley Isbell  
Rick Staigle  
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

The Pledge to the Flag was led Councilmember Terry Henley. The invocation was led by Mayor Jessup.

Police Captain Jack Ashton reported on Police activities since the December regular Council Meeting. He noted there were seven reportable accidents, four arrests, 1598 calls for service, 31 offense reports, 254 traffic citations, no code ordinance violation citations, 50 traffic warnings and 11 city ordinance warnings issued. There were two motor vehicle burglaries, one residential burglary and no building burglaries. Officers made 483 business checks, 339 house watches and 586 property checks this past month.

Captain Ashton said motor vehicle burglaries have decreased since Pappa's Grill closed.

Officer Hodge, who underwent surgery today for a golf ball tumor in his brain is out of surgery and seems to be doing fine. He can say his name and this is a good sign.

Laser Shot will be setting up tomorrow at the Kirkwood Office if any of Council is interested in a demonstration. It provides training with interactive scenarios, including a fire arms simulation.

The Interview Room grant has been received and the Video Recovery System has been installed.

Parks and Recreation Director Monya Keenen spoke about activities in her department during the last three months. These included the Halloween Carnival on October 31<sup>st</sup> and Christmas Memories on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Good attendance was experienced at both. Our parks ground person, Higinio Sanchez, has been busy constructing brick transitional areas between the granite pathways and sidewalks. Phase 4 of the Grant Projects is staying on target. Many dump loads of dirt will be moved. Light poles, picnic tables and benches have been ordered. Construction on the lake will start between now and mid February. The jogging trail will be blocked off for safety. Baseball will still be able to use the minor's field. A meeting was held with Irma Cobos, principal of Meadows Elementary School to update her on the project and the recreation hill that will be constructed on the east side of the school behind the major's field.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup: 1: said no Fire Department report was available this month. 2: noted there was an article in the *Fort Bend Southwest Star* about the Fort Bend Mobility Project. It stated that the Kirkwood improvements are still in the conceptual design state. The West Airport project is being managed by the City. Design work is expected to be completed by late 2011 with construction expected to begin by the end of 2011. He noted that Councilmember Rick Staigle has saved the City many thousands of dollars on the West Airport project to date and he thanked Mr. Staigle for his expertise.

Councilmember Isbell then made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2010 workshop and regular meetings and the January 18, 2011 workshop meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Case and unanimously approved.

Captain Ashton presented Council with the annual Racial Profiling Report that was compiled by Dr. Alex DelCarmen. This is the same individual that compiled the report for the last ten years. This is the first year the report is required to be sent to TECLOSE. The report lists much information on all traffic stops made by Police Officers in the City. We have remained consistent in our demographics on our traffic stops. Councilmember Isbell made a motion to accept the annual Racial Profiling Report as presented. Councilmember Henley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS AMENDING SECTION 30.52 OF CHAPTER 30 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, PROVIDING A PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

This ordinance designates speed limits in all designated school zones at 20 miles per hour between the hours of 7:40 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. Councilmember Wilkens made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-01**, as read. Councilmember Henley seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

**ON ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS REPEALING SECTIONS 17-01 THROUGH 17-07 OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS REPEALING THE MEADOWS PLACE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ALSO KNOWN AS THE 4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

Following the vote of the City's electors on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Council passed an ordinance creating a 4B EDC and is now repealing the old 4A EDC. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle, to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-02**, as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, REPEALING SECTION 13-1 OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

Years ago the City adopted the Standard Fire Prevention Code. We recently adopted the 2006 International Fire Code. As a clarification process, this ordinance repeals the Standard Code thereby deleting the double coverage. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-03**, as presented. 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 A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".**

This contract allows the County Election Administrator to run the City's May 14<sup>th</sup> election along with other entities in Fort Bend County. Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-04**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2011, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICIALS, PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.**

**EXAMEN Y ADOPCIÓN DE MEDIDAS SOBRE LA ORDENANZA DE CONVOCAR ELECCIONES PARA LA CIUDAD DE MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, QUE SE CELEBRARA EL SÁBADO, EL DÍA 14 DE MAYO 2011, CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ELEGIR A LOS FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD, PROVEÍDO POR VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA Y NOTIFICACIÓN DE ELECCIÓN.**

The election will be held on the second Saturday of May as authorized by the State Legislature. It also provides for a special meeting at 7:15 p.m. on May 24<sup>th</sup> to canvass the returns of the election. Councilmember Isbell moved to adopt the ordinance numbered **2011-05**, as presented. Councilmember Staigle seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE TO BE HELD ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, ONE TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO HEAR ANY AND ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO BE HEARD ON OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY MATTER OR QUESTION INVOLVING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS," ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE ENTITLED "SPECIFIC USE AMENDMENTS," BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SUBSECTION 24-012, GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO DR. DANIEL K. OLUKOYA, GENERAL OVERSEER, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, MOUNTAIN OF FIRE AND MIRACLES MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE, TO ALLOW THIS CHURCH TO OPERATE AT 12002 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

Councilmember Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-06**, as presented. Councilmember Case seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Council then received the quarterly presentation of the City's Investment report. Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to accept the report as presented.

Next on the agenda was ratification of expenditures. The expenditure to HDR Engineering, listed as \$47,098.92 was actually \$58,873.65. The first amount was only for the 80% amount to be received back from TxDOT. The \$58,673.65 includes the City's 20% of the cost. This is for the design work being done on the West Airport renovation project. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Staigle to approve this bill and the other two (to Coban Technologies and Joe Salvide) as presented on the agenda.

During audience comments, resident Mike Schofield, of the 12100 Block of Meadowdale, said he was concerned about the retirement funds for our City employees. He wanted to make sure they were being invested safely and not used for purposes other than for what they are intended. Mayor Jessup assured him that the funds, invested in the Texas Municipal Retirement System, are as safe as they can possibly be.

John Whiteman, 11400 block of Brook Meadows, said he wanted to see South Kirkwood remain as a four lane, divided street as opposed to a two lane road with roundabouts. He said he previously presented Council with proof that residents do not want, by an overwhelming majority, the roundabouts and he would like to see the project abandoned. Mayor Jessup thanked Mr. Whiteman for the many good things he has done for the City. But, Mayor Jessup also stated that he has spoken to most of the residents on the list provided by Mr. Whiteman and noted that the vast majority of the signees are not overwhelming against the project. Many, if not most, also support the project after having received more information about the benefits of the roundabouts.

Audrey Holbrook, 12000 block of Meadow Hollow, said she thought Meadows Place was a single family dwelling community but she knows of several homes that have at least two or more families living in them and wondered what the City is doing about these. Mayor Jessup explained that, in this day and age, it is difficult to define who the members of a single family might be and, therefore, difficult to enforce the Code against these families.

Linden Wong, 11900 block of Brook Meadows, said he felt Council was on a "slippery slope" by approving paint from one manufacturer's paint chart. Mayor Jessup said the City is not telling its residents they must use Behr paint, only the colors on their chart. If other manufactures can match those colors (by use of the color numbers on the chart) residents are welcome to use those paints as well.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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Elaine Herff, City Secretary