

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF AUGUST 23, 2011
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

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

thus constituting a quorum

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Boy Scout Will Tevis. Councilmember David Wilkens gave the invocation.

Captain Stewart reported on Police activities since the July regular Council Meeting. He noted there were seven reportable accidents, seven arrests, 1168 calls for service, 34 offense reports, 319 traffic citations, four code ordinance violation citations, 88 traffic warnings and one city ordinance warnings issued. There was one motor vehicle burglary, one residential burglary and one business burglary. Officers made 294 business checks, 367 house watches and 340 property checks this past month. Burglaries of motor vehicles continue to drop. "Leads On Line" is a tool residents can use to enter the serial numbers of their valuables to aid in their recovery should they be stolen. These serial numbers are sent to pawn shops for possible recognition of stolen items. The Houston Area Police Chiefs held their monthly meeting at Kelley's restaurant this week with 40 members showing up. Officer Jackson will receive an outstanding attendance award tomorrow for never taking a sick day in the five years he has been employed here. Council sent their congratulations.

The Code Enforcement officer has not returned back to work from having surgery. She is expected back tomorrow. She gives the Mayor a weekly report on activities she has completed. One activity is picking up discarded newspapers out of residents' yards.

The Fire Chief has a conflict with Tuesday training nights. A meeting with him and the Mayor will be held later this week or early next week to discuss budget items.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup noted 1: We will call a public hearing for September 13th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2011 - 2012 budget. Council will vote on the proposed budget on September 27th. 2: He is working with the Postal Service to try to obtain a Zip Code for Meadows Place. Currently most business computers ask for Zip Codes when large purchases are made. Entering 77477 sends them to Stafford and Meadows Place is loosing considerable sales taxes on these purchases. He is launching a push to request residents sent letters to Senators Cornyn and Hutchison requesting they aid in the quest for our own Zip Code.

Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell, to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011 workshop and regular meetings; and the August 9, 2011 workshop minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Henley then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell to accept the certification and receipt of the 2011 Tax Year Appraisal Roll and New Property Value from Patsy Schultz, FTA, Fort Bend County Tax Assessor/Collector. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT OF THE
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE
COLLECTION OF TAXES.**

This amendment will allow the County to continue to collect ad valorem taxes for the City with no change from how it is currently being done. Councilmember Case made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-20**, as read. The motion carried unanimously.

The quarterly Investment Report was presented for Council's approval. It shows that the City's investments are following those of the nation with very low interest rates - but in a safe, liquid environment. Councilmember Isbell moved to approve the Investment Report as presented. Councilmember Case seconded this motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2011.**

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2011-21**, calling a public hearing on the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 for September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Henley then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to propose the tax rate to be adopted for the next fiscal year be \$0.089687. This amount is equal to the tax roll back rate and therefore no public hearings are required. Mayor Jessup called for a voice vote on this rate. The motion carried with the following vote: Councilmember Isbell - yes, Councilmember Case - yes, Councilmember Whiteman - yes, Councilmember Wilkens - yes and Councilmember Henley - yes.

Bills were presented for Council's approval. Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens to approve the payment of \$23,883.00 to NuWest Golf Course Construction. Councilmember Wilkens seconded this motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Councilmember Case made a motion to ratify the total expense of \$19,210.00 to Joe Salvide. Mayor Jessup noted these bills were for sidewalks, aprons, driveways and streets that needed to be repaired due to water leaks. Councilmember Isbell seconded the motion to ratify the expense. The motion carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Kip Stodghill, 11800 block of Amblewood Drive said he is aware that the appearance of the lake reflects on the appearance of the city. He submitted an open records request on the total cost of the lake, where the funds came from and if the cost affected any employee salaries. Mayor Jessup said he would receive the records within the appropriate time limit for open records requests.

Will Tevis, 12300 block of Dorrance Lane, is working on his Citizenship in Community Badge with the Boy Scouts. He asked if the lake will be stocked with fish, what kind, and if fishing will be permitted. Mayor Jessup said 250 4 - 6 inch bass and approximately 1200 perch were released in the lake, together with 4800 minnows to feed them. Fishing will be permitted. Children will not need a license. There will be a catch and release program at first.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary