

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 25, 2014**

Present were Mayor Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor Pro Tempore Terry J. Henley, and Aldermen John F. Isbell, Kelle K. Mills, and Rick J. Staigle. Also present was City Secretary Janice M. Moore, Captain Jack Ashton and Police Chief Gary Stewart. Alderman Steven H. Bezner was absent.

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Jessup called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Stewart, and the Invocation was led by Captain Ashton.

**2. Presentations: None**

**3. Reports:**

a. Code Enforcement

Official Jerry Parker reported the following information:

1. Violations since 08/26/2014: 302
2. Cases opened: 293 (Difference in numbers due to ability of more than 1 violation per case.)
3. Current open cases: 9
4. Citations issued: 6 ; (1 - nuisance boat in yard on Meadow Dale (trial in January 2015), 1 - junk vehicle in driveway on Dorrance, 1 – fail to maintain pool in good repair, 1 – stagnant water, 1 – fail to secure pool on Meadow Dale, 1 - stored debris on Meadow Trail) Not counting the Running At Large that Officer Richmond wrote. (Special note of thanks to Officer Richmond and Officer Desi Rodriguez for their assistance regarding the Monticeto rental issue that involved CPS.)
5. Current projects are 1; (ongoing) outward appearance of homes: (Siding, paint, fascia, gutters and fences). 2; trees (again, due to increased growth due to amount of rain rec'd this year over last.)
6. Top reoccurring issues:
  - a. Trash Cans either out after trash day, or stored in public view. 29 – down from 56 last Qtr
  - b. Grass/Weeds: 44 – down from 68 last Qtr
  - c. Junk vehicles in drive or street: 23 - down from 27 last Qtr

7. Unoccupied/Vacant building total fluctuates between 24 – 31 at any given time. This is due to high turnover of rental properties. Avg. vacancy of 7 – 15 days. There are 14 that have been deemed long term, greater than 90 days, and have all been mailed a copy of the ordinance and given 30 – 45 days (staggered) to respond to the new ordinance, ending dates of 6/6 and 6/20
  - a. 5 partial compliance. Blair Meadow (12023), Sturdivant (12010), Bloomington (11911), Kenzie Ct. (11711), Brook Meadow (11634).
  - b. 5 no compliance as of yet. Hoggard (12303 deceased), Dorrance (11314, 11935 deceased), Brighton (11946 Cavender - unk), Scottsdale (11306 denial of ownership)

He answered questions posed by the Council.

- b. Police Department

Police Chief Stewart provided an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report, which was distributed to the Council and filed with City records. He answered questions posed by the Council.

- c. Fire Department Response Statistics – October 2014

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the report for October, which was filed in City records.

#### 4. Mayor's Comments:

- a. Residential Utility Payments Online with AVR

Mayor Jessup announced the City was moving forward with residential utility payments online with AVR.

- b. Meadows Place Recognition for 10 Years of Membership with the National League of Cities

Mayor Jessup announced the 10 years of membership with the NLC.

- c. Acknowledgement of Wright Business Technologies for Their Service

Mayor Jessup spoke about the City's relationship with Wright Business Technologies for IT services and the progress and changes made within the last year because of it.

- d. Christmas Memories – December 12, 2014

Mayor Jessup reminded everyone about the City's Christmas Memories 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5. Council Member Comments: None

#### 6. New Business:

- a. Reschedule December Council Meeting to December 16<sup>th</sup> Due to Christmas Holiday

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Henley moved to reschedule the December Council Meeting to Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**7. Ordinances:**

- a. **Ordinance 2014-16:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, REPEALING CHAPTER 115 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "FOOD SERVICE" IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 115 ENTITLED "FOOD SERVICE"; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FOOD SERVICE SANITATION AND PERMITTING; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

**Motion:** Alderman Isbell moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2014-16. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- b. **Ordinance 2014-17:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR CHAPTER 115, FOOD SERVICE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

**Motion:** Alderman Staigle moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2014-17. Mayor Pro Tem Henley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- c. **Ordinance 2014-18:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ALLOWING, UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, "UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS" IN SAID SYSTEM FOR SERVICE PERFORMED BY QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF SUCH SYSTEM WHO PRESENTLY ARE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE; PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SUCH ACTIONS.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Henley moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2014-18. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- d. **Ordinance 2014-19:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 36 OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, BANNING THE USE OF CIGARETTES, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, E-CIGARETTES, LIQUID NICOTINE FROM MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

**Motion:** Alderman Staigle moved to **adopt** Ordinance 2014-19. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

**8. Resolutions:**

**a. Resolution 2014-18:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, APPROVING A SECTION 125 PRETAX BENEFIT PLAN FOR FULLTIME EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Henley moved to **postpone** the approval of Resolution 2014-18. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion. Mayor ProTem Henley explained that if the benefits plan does not include same sex participants then you cannot use the pretax benefits per the Federal Government. He explained that currently it was unconstitutional under the State of Texas and requested that the resolution be postponed.

The motion passed unanimously

**b. Resolution 2014-19:**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WRIGHT BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

**Motion:** Alderman Staigle moved to **approve** Resolution 2014-19. Alderman Isbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**c. Resolution 2014-20:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL RELATING TO THE SECTIONS OF SICK PAY AND DOCUMENTING & REPORTING SICK LEAVE ABSENCE.

Mayor Jessup read the title.

**Motion:** Alderman Isbell moved to **approve** Resolution 2014-20. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**9. Consent Agenda:**

**a. Minutes:**

September 23, 2014 – Workshop  
September 23, 2014 – Regular  
October 18, 2014 – Workshop Retreat  
October 28, 2014 – Workshop  
October 28, 2014 – Regular

**b. Presentation of Invoices:**

Randle Law Office	\$ 6,054.00
Joe L. Salvide LLC	\$ 14,900.00

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem Henley moved to **approve** the Consent Agenda as presented. Alderman Staigle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**10. Audience Comments:**

Mark McGrath expressed disappointment with the resignation of Public Works Director Dan McGraw. He also inquired as to the action taken at the recent executive session meeting regarding the City Secretary.

Nadya Shelton inquired about the formation of the substandard housing committee.

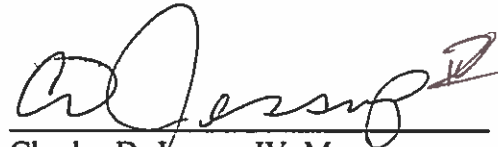
**11. Adjournment:**

Alderman Henley moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Alderman Mills seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**These minutes were approved by the  
City Council on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.**

ATTEST:

  
Janice M. Moore, City Secretary

  
Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

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