

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477

## A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jessup at 7:35 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV

City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford

Mayor Pro Tempore, Terry J. Henley

Alderman, John F. Isbell

Alderman, Steven H. Bezner

Alderman, Kelle K. Mills

Alderman, Rick J. Staigle was absent.

Staff in attendance: Chief Gary Stewart, Meadows Place Police Department; Captain Jack Aston, Meadows Place Police Department; and Danny Segundo, Director of Public Works.

## 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Pledge by:

Corey Bostick, USW

Invocation by:

Captain Jack Aston, Meadows Place Police Department

### **B.** Proclamations

#### 1. L.E.A.D. Proclamation

Mayor Jessup read a proclamation proclaiming January 9, 2017 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.), in the City of Meadows Place.

### C. Reports

# 1. Police Department

Chief Gary Stewart gave an overview of the monthly statistics and activities report, which was distributed to the Council and filed with the City Secretary.

Alderman Bezner asked about the Burglary of Motor Vehicles and wanted to know if it was due to valuables being left in site. Chief Stewart explained that most vehicles were left unlocked. He reminded everyone to lock their vehicles and do not leave items in your vehicles.

Chief Stewart also reported that the Police Department recently held their annual awards dinner. The following were acknowledged:

Officer of the Year – Officer Doron Kenig Reserve Officer of the Year – Officer Danielle Delgado Chief's Award – Officer Aerial Ronell Performance Excellence Award – Detective William Nix and Officer Yonathan Mezegabe 10 Year Perfect Attendance – Officer Jyron Jackson

Chief Stewart reported that Wayne Collins recently resigned as the department Chaplain and the department is currently looking for a new Chaplain.

Mayor Jessup asked Chief Stewart to explain more about the CIT call this month. Chief Stewart explained that a CIT call is a Crisis Intervention call. They are usually responding to a subject with a mental health issue. These subjects must be handled differently and all of the Meadows Police Department Officers are trained for this. If the responding Officer's do not have the proper training these situations can escalate quickly and sometimes turn deadly.

Mayor Jessup applauded the Chief and his department for completing this training.

### 2. Public Works

Public Works Director, Danny Segundo, gave the quarterly report for Public Works, a copy of which has been filed with the City Secretary. Below are a few key points he mentioned.

Mr. Segundo acknowledged Corey Bostick and Byron Hughey from USW. He explained that they City recently had their TCEQ inspection and Corey and Byron did an outstanding job and he wanted to publicly say thank you from the City.

Mayor Jessup told Corey and Byron that the City appreciated them and thanked them for all that they do.

Aldermen Isbell and Henley reported a few locations that appeared to be sinking or have issues. Mayor Jessup asked the Aldermen to email their concerns to Mr. Segundo.

Mayor Jessup also thanked Danny for coordinating the painting of the tank to match the new Training Center. Alderman Bezner stated that it looks good and people are starting to notice the Training Center. There was brief discussion among Council regarding what should be painted on the tank.

## 3. Fire Department Monthly Report for November 2016

Mayor Jessup provided an overview of the Stafford Fire Department report for November which was filed with the City Secretary.

## D. Mayor's Comments

### 1. City Offices closed for the Holidays.

Mayor Jessup stated that City offices will be closed on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon, and all day on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holiday. City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017.

## 2. Training Center Update

Mayor Jessup stated that the majority of the progress was covered in Public Works Report, however irrigation has been started and should be complete by the end of the week.

#### 3. Race the Atlantic

Mayor Jessup stated that City has paid a minimum sponsorship towards American Oarsmen in Race the Atlantic. Race the Atlantic is made up of teams of 3 men rowing a 22 foot boat for 45 days across the Atlantic. Mike Matson, Brian Krauskopf and David Alviar make up the American Oarsmen team. Meadows Place connection to the team is Mike Matson who was a volunteer fire fighter who worked with Fire Fighter Anne Sullivan, who died in 2014 in the Southwest Inn fire in Houston. Mike's donations will go to the Anne McCormick Sullivan Foundation.

## 4. Chicken Committee Research Update

Mayor Jessup reported that the Chicken Advisory Committee is doing a great job and taking their job very seriously. They put together a survey on Survey Monkey and got 183 responses. Sixty percent surveyed said they were in favor of chickens. City Council will be holding a Public Hearing with the Chicken Advisory Committee on January 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. allowing residents the opportunity to state their concerns and opinions regarding chickens in the City.

### **E.** Council Comments:

## 1. Update on Kirkwood Reconstruction Project - Alderman Rick Staigle

Alderman Staigle was not presented therefore Mayor Jessup gave the update. He stated that City has received the 30% Engineering Design from HDR. The overall design and concept is complete at this time. An interview panel recently interviewed two landscape design engineers and the panel chose Asakura Robinson out of Houston.

# 2. Update on TML - Alderman Terry Henley

Alderman Henley reported that TML has been looking into the ability of using the internet for publication of legal notices. At the last session the House and Senate appointed a committee to review posting on the internet versus posting in the newspaper. The Comptroller believes that postings still need to be published in the newspaper, but at some point these postings will not reach people.

### 3. Update on H-GAC – Alderman Terry Henley

Alderman Henley stated that he attended the H-GAC board meeting that morning. H-GAC has an Energy Corporation designed for Public Entities. The City of Meadows Place recently renewed their electrical agreement for a 30.1% reduction in cost, with an estimated savings of approximately \$84,840 over a two year period.

### F. Regular Agenda

1. Consider Ordinance No. 2016-31 providing for a schedule of fees; updating fees for fire service; repealing all ordinance or resolutions in conflict herewith; providing a penalty; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Jessup explained that this ordinance is only updating the Fire Service fess to match the City of Stafford.

Alderman Isbell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2016-31 providing for a schedule of fees; updating fees for fire service; repealing all ordinance or resolutions in conflict herewith; providing a penalty; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

Alderman Staigle was absent.

2. Consider Resolution No. 2016-43 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to negotiate a contract for the Landscape Architect services for the City of Meadows Place Kirkwood Road Reconstruction Project.

Alderman Henley moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-43 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to negotiate a contract for the Landscape Architect services for the City of Meadows Place Kirkwood Road Reconstruction Project. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

Alderman Staigle was absent.

3. Consider Resolution No. 2016-44 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary of the City of Meadows Place, Texas, to enter into an agreement with Badger Meter for the Beacon Analytics software system.

Alderman Bezner moved to table Resolution No. 2016-44 authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary of the City of Meadows Place, Texas, to enter into an agreement with Badger Meter for the Beacon Analytics software system. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

Alderman Staigle was absent

- G. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Consider approval of the Minutes held on:

November 22, 2016 – Workshop Meeting

November 22, 2016 – Regular Meeting

### 2. Presentation of Bills

HDR	\$36,367.80
McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC	\$16,000.00
Ice Express	\$ 2,000.00
Donald Kilgore	\$ 5,775.00
Safety Vision	\$11,318.00

Alderman Isbell moved to pull item 1 of the consent agenda for discussion. Alderman Mills seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

Alderman Staigle was absent

Alderman Henley moved to approve all other items of the consent agenda. Alderman Bezner seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

Alderman Staigle was absent

Alderman Henley moved to approve item 1 of the consent agenda amending the November 22, 2016 minutes adding Alderman Isbell's comments in the Code Enforcement report section. Alderman Mills seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

Alderman Staigle was absent

Mayor Jessup stated that if an Aldermen has specific comments that they want included in the minutes please state for the record.

## **H.** Audience Comments

None

## I. Adjourn

There being no further business on the agenda Alderman Bezner moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Henley, Isbell, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

The motion carried

Alderman Staigle was absent

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

ATTEST:

Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary

Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor