

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 27, 2012
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:32 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 Police Captain Gary Stewart. Councilmember Wilkens gave the invocation.

Captain Stewart reported on Police activities since the January regular Council Meeting. He noted there were eight reportable accidents, eight arrests, 1,872 calls for service, 50 offense reports, 239 traffic citations issued, no code ordinance violation citations issued, 43 traffic warnings and no city ordinance warnings issued. There were 12 motor vehicle burglaries, three residential burglaries and one business burglary reported. Officers made 570 business checks, 197 house watches and 271 property checks this past month. This month has seen a rather large increase in the amount of motor vehicle and residential burglaries. One of the residential burglaries reported was actually an attempted burglary. MPPD investigations led to the recovery of approximately 80% of the stolen property in one of the residential burglaries and two suspects have been identified that they are actively pursuing. There is a video of the business burglary and it has been sent out to all the local agencies in an attempt to identify the suspects. Leads are continually being exhausted. The Department has begun an educational Initiative and BMV sting operation. Residents vehicles are checked by an officer and a "report card" delivered to the resident with a pass/fail grade. To date, 175 have been completed with nearly ½ of those selected failing. It is an attempt to educate residents and lower the potential that they will become a victim of this type of crime. It is hoped that burglars will give up doing business in Meadows Place because residents are now knowledgeable about how to prevent their vehicles from being a target. A new grant application to H-GAC for a new CAD/RMS system has been completed. The amount being requested is \$60,000. The application will be presented in March or April with the results of the award being posted sometime in August or September. The Police Department thanks Public Works Director Dan McGraw and his crew for their aid in making the Kirkwood Annex ready for Laser Shot Training. The new Police radios will take a few more weeks before they are all programed.

Because Code Enforcement Officer Kathi Sutton could not be at tonight's meeting, Mayor Jessup gave a short synopsis of her report. He said all Food Service Permits were renewed in December. Also, 400 code enforcement warnings and 36 second warnings were issued that month. In January, 617 code enforcement warnings were issued (52 being Christmas lights not timely removed) and 48 second warnings. In February, signs and high grass and weeds were a problem. This month 433 warnings, 27 second warnings and three citations have been issued. Kathi will be working on car covers this month. She will be handing out car cover letters to those who are not in compliance of the city ordinance. She will also be working with owners of dead and dying trees.

Mayor Jessup then comments on the following issues: He spoke to children attending the Harmony School about reclaimed water and saved subsidence fees by using the water to fill our lake and irrigate our medians; He noted Meadows Place hosted the Fort Bend Council of Mayors and Council Members Association last Thursday

at our Community center where information between cities is easily exchanged; He announced that as of January 1, 2012, Meadows Place was now in Fort Bend County Precinct 2 and our County Commissioner is now Grady Prestage; He tabled his comments about the upcoming City Election to further on the agenda.

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2012 workshop and regular Council meetings. 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 BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE AND FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS.

Councilmember Case made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written. Her motion was seconded by Councilmember Henley. The motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2012-03** 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 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICIALS, PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.

EXAMEN Y ADOCIÓN DE MEDIDAS SOBRE LA ORDENANZA DE CONVOCAR ELECCIONES PARA LA CIUDAD DE MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, QUE SE CELEBRARA EL SÁBADO, EL DÍA 12 DE MAYO 2012, CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ELEGIR A LOS FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD, PROVEÍDO POR VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA Y NOTIFICACIÓN DE ELECCIÓN.

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion to approve the ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Henley and with unanimous approval ordinance numbered **2012-04** was adopted.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE IN SUPPORT FOR EIM PROPERTIES LLC AND PIKE ROAD INVESTORS, INC. APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) FOR A MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION (MSD) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13840 PIKE ROAD IN MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS.

Councilmember Whiteman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Isbell, to adopt the resolution, numbered **2012-01**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Henley then made a motion to pay the bills to Burke's Mechanical Services for \$26,313.00; to Costal Pump Services, Inc. for \$36,850.00 and to Randle Law Office, Ltd, L.L.P. for \$8,151.08. Councilmember Wilkens seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Chuck McClurkin, 11900 Block of Brighton Lane, regarding the car tarp ordinance, said he didn't feel that inserting plastic over the license plate and windshield opening should be required as the plastic will scratch the paint of the vehicle.

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 8:07 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary