

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF APRIL 24, 2012
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:30 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 Life Scout Josh Arvizo. Councilmember Wilkens gave the invocation.

Captain Ashton reported on Police activities since the March regular Council Meeting. He noted there were ten reportable accidents, one arrest, 2,118 calls for service, 36 offense reports, 219 traffic citations issued, no code ordinance violation citations issued, 53 traffic warnings and no city ordinance warnings issued. There was one motor vehicle burglary, two residential burglaries and two business burglaries reported. Officers made 592 business checks, 314 house watches and 893 property checks this past month. Criminal mischief occurred at the Park on two consecutive weekends. CID is actively working the case based on new leads. A suspect has been identified in one of our previous residential burglaries, we have located the truck used and are working with HPD to apprehend the suspect. The T-L-C program is being aggressively worked. Officers are adjusting to their new eight hour shifts which should bring more efficiency to the PD. Councilmember Isbell asked about a Neighborhood Watch program. She was told an article would appear in the May Newsletter about the program. Councilmember Whiteman noted many residents feel safe during weekday hours but are concerned about not having local dispatch during evening and weekend hours. Mayor Jessup noted after hours dispatch and animal control service, both run through the County, is constantly being looked at and addressed.

Parks Director Monya Keenen gave an update on activities in her department that have occurred since January. She thanked the Police and Public Works Departments for the help received during the past two weekend vandalism occurrences. She noted that Roby Tate with Fort Bend County indicated all supporting documents on the lake project are ready and she hopes to turn the paperwork into Texas Parks and Wildlife for grant reimbursement soon. Tracey Spiller has taken over as Aquatic Director from Scot Herff. The lifeguard staff received a platinum award for excellence for the second year in a row. This award is only given to the top 10% of cities by Jeff Ellis and Associates. All summer activities are listed in the Newsletter. Mayor Jessup is working on the submittal of a City-County Cooperative Award for the new lake and treated water effluent project. Mayor Jessup also noted that one of our lifeguards, Darren Hymel has been credited with saving a life at the beach this summer.

Mayor Jessup then comments on the following issues: 1. The fence around the TDA complex is now being installed. 2. The Stafford Volunteer Fire Department made 21 calls to the City during the month of February. 3. Election Day is May 12th. There will be a "Meet the Candidates" in the City Election this Friday night, April 27th here at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. 4. Thursday May 3 is "National Day of Prayer." A public ceremony will be held under the trees at city hall, initiated by Sugar Grove Church of Christ.

Councilmember Whiteman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2012 and regular Council meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read a proclamation declaring May, 2012 as national Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Meadows Place, Texas. The proclamation was presented to Cidney Aae, a resident in the 11700 block of Solano Court. Ms. Aae, representing several motorcycle riders in the audience, thanked the Mayor for the proclamation.

Councilmember Henley then made a motion to approve a resolution offering a reward leading to the arrest/conviction of person or persons responsible for vandalizing city property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Case and approved unanimously.

Councilmember Wilkens made a motion to table agenda item 8, renewal of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. Councilmember Henley seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Councilmember Isbell then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case to authorize the City Secretary and Public Works Director to request bids for water meter conversion. The motion 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, TEXAS, AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2012, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, ONE TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, 77477 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 153 OF THE CODE OR ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS," ADDING A NEW DEFINITION TO SECTION 153.016, ADDING A NEW SECTION 153.081, REPEALING SUBSECTIONS 153.094(B), 153.095(B), AND 153.096(B) AND ADDING NEW SUBSECTIONS 153.094(B), 153.095(B), AND 153.096(B) OF CHAPTER 153 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTANCE FOR SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA ESTABLISHMENTS AND TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR SAME.

Councilmember Case made a motion to adopt the ordinance, calling for the Public Hearing to be held on May 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., as written. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Isbell. The motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2012-07** carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

Councilmember Henley then made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$5184.15 to Randle Law Office as presented. Councilmember Case seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Life Scout Josh Arvizo, with Richmond Troop 1880, said he thought this was an interesting meeting and he thought it was great that the city has this venue for residents to come together and discuss city problems.

Andrew Whiteman, Boy Scout with Troop 103, said he was working on his Communication Merit Badge. He is a 14 year old 8th grader at the Ft. Bend Gifted and Talented Academy and will attend Dulles High School's Math and Science Academy next year. He said that, while we have many problems in our community, we are striving to fix them and make Meadows Place a better community to live in.

Chad Whiteman, a 16 year old Scout with Troop 103, also working on his Communication Merit Badge, said he hopes to do his part in making our city better and stopping crime.

Resident Gail Michniewski of the 12100 block of Amblewood Drive, praised CID Sergeant Richard Simmons and Officer Arika Hodge for the work they did after her home was robbed. She encouraged residents to be vigilant and to know their neighbors.

Resident Cindy Madsen of the 12200 block of Scottsdale Drive, Ways and Means Chairman for Meadows Place Home and Garden Club, said candidates for the scholarship must turn in their applications by Saturday, April 28th.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Whiteman, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary