

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF MAY 22, 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 Tyler Smith. Mayor Jessup gave the invocation.

Meadows Place Municipal Court Judge Bret Kisluk then gave the Oath of Office to returning Councilmember David Wilkens as Alderman, Place No. 3, to new Councilmember Terry Morgan as Alderman Place No. 2, to new Councilmember John Isbell as Alderman, Place No. 1 and then to Mayor Charles Jessup. Councilmembers Shirley Isbell and Heidi Case stepped down and Councilmembers John Isbell and Terry Morgan, along with Mayor Jessup and Councilmember Wilkens then took their seats on the dais.

Representing Meadows Home and Garden Club, Lou Ann Kelly then presented scholarships to Tyler Smith (\$1,000), Kristina Hickle (\$500) and Samantha Ferriera (\$500). Mr. Smith is a Nursing Major at Steven F. Austin University. Ms. Hickle is in the nursing program at Wharton County Junior College and Ms. Ferriera is majoring in communication at UT Austin. Mayor Jessup congratulated the three young adults noting that they have separated themselves from "the pack" They are three great students who, incidentally have all been, some still are, employed as life guards for the City of Meadows Place.

Planning and Zoning members returned to the meeting with their recommendation to Council regarding the Public Hearing held this evening at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Jessup received Council's consensus to consider agenda item eleven, receipt of the recommendation, at this time. Planning Commission member Rick Staigle noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission members voted unanimously to recommend passage of the proposed ordinance, requiring rules and regulations governing the distance for Smoking Paraphernalia Establishments and to require a Specific Use Permit for same. Councilman Henley moved to accept the recommendation and Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Captain Gary Stewart reported on Police activities since the April regular Council Meeting. He noted there were ten reportable accidents, seven arrests, 1645 calls for service, 50 offense reports, 315 traffic citations issued, no code ordinance violation citations issued, 42 traffic warnings and no city ordinance warnings issued. There were two motor vehicle burglaries, no residential burglaries and one business burglary reported. Officers made 514 business checks, 198 house watches and 611 property checks this past month. The two BMV's occurred in our business district. One victim believes she was followed from a bank in Houston. One unauthorized use of a motor vehicle from the Texas Direct Auto lot was recovered in South Texas. It had been used to transport illegal immigrants. A pursuit by an alert Meadows Place Police Officer checking for burglary suspects in the business district resulted in a pursuit into Houston for a stolen vehicle. The suspect had over five pounds of Marijuana and a large quantity of cocaine. A suspicious persons call in the 12002 block of the Southwest Freeway located a male subject hiding in bushes who turned out to be a wanted sex offender who had failed to

register as such with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's office. He was staying at a residence inside Meadows Place. He was arrested for that charge along with a failure to ID fugitive charge. Meadows Place Police Department is in the process of obtaining a warrant for a suspect wanted in a Radio Shack theft. Meadows Place Police officers located the suspect in Houston, HPD officers recovered a stolen vehicle. And the suspect confessed to his crime. The Meadows Place Police Department has received six responses via email indicating interest in a Neighborhood Watch Program. They are hoping for more interest and will review hosting a meeting soon. MPPD is still receiving applications for one vacant position.

Code Enforcement Officer Kathi Sutton welcomed the newest members to Council and noted she enjoyed working with outgoing Councilmembers Case and Isbell. She then gave her report about activities in her Department since February. There were 198 warnings issued for high weeds and grass with 14 resulting in second warnings. She issued 24 boats and trailers visible from the street with two second warnings. She issued 26 limbs and debris warnings, 85 trees being too low over streets and sidewalks, 10 tree stump warnings, 240 sign warnings, 144 trash cans visible from the street and/or at curb side with 6 second warnings, 90 trash in yard warnings with 4 second warnings, And 75 items stored out in the open warnings with two second warnings. Fifteen fences were abated along with 15 inoperable vehicles abated. She issued 280 other, miscellaneous, warnings. Ms. Sutton completed 29 residential occupancy inspections during this period. Thanks to the new car cover ordinance, car covers went from 30 down to two she is still working with. She is pleased with the public's corporation on this, as well as the replacement of drought items and erosion issues. She is continuing to work with vacant properties noting there had been some significant turnovers in this department. She is looking into code enforcement software where citizens and report on line as well as track their cases.

Mayor Jessup gave the April Fire Department report. He noted the Stafford Fire Department made 35 total calls to the city during the month of April, most bade on week days during the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jessup then comments on the following issues: 1. The Economic Development Council is a quasi judicial body created to develop the economy of our City using a ½ cent sales tax received from shoppers doing business in our City. 2. There is a Tac and Saddle Shop opening at our entrance on Dorrance in the Texas Direct Auto building. EDC has approved funding for four small entrance signs as well as up to \$10,000 in permitting software. 3. The Houston Association of Realtors has awarded our City one of five "Best City in Fort Bend County" awards. Come to City Hall to see the award.

Councilmember Wilkens then made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Whiteman, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 workshop, public hearing and regular meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS TO SERVE IN SUCH OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR CITY ELECTION.

Councilman Whiteman made a motion to appoint Councilman Henley as Mayor ProTempore until next May's election. The motion was seconded by Councilman Isbell and carried unanimously. Councilman Henley said he appreciates the confidence Council has in him. He enjoys the work and believes he can contribute much based on his leadership on other Boards which include the Texas Municipal League, the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the Texas Association of Regional Councils and the National Association of Regional Councils.

Mayor Jessup then opened second public Hearing to hear any and all persons desiring to be heard on or in connection with any matter or question involving a proposal

of the City Council of the City of Meadows Place to extend Juvenile Curfew Ordinance No. 2009-02 for an additional three years. There were no comments from Council or the audience. Councilman Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilman Henley to close the public hearing.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 370.002 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT AND TO CONTINUE WITHOUT CHANGE THE CURFEW REGULATIONS EXISTING IN THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS AS SET OUT IN TITLE XIII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES," TITLE XIII, SECTION 130.53, ENTITLED "JUVENILE CURFEW."

Councilman Morgan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Isbell to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2012-10**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTANCE AND LOCATION OF USE OF SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Whiteman made a motion to adopt the ordinance, requiring smoke shops to first apply for a specific use permit before setting up business in Meadows Place, as presented. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Henley. The motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2012-11** 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 AMEND AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FORT BEND AND THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2013 FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES; IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Councilman Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2012-12** as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and approved unanimously.

Councilman Henley then made a motion to approve the quarterly investment report as presented. Councilman Wilkens seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Henley then made a motion to approve the bills as presented on the agenda, \$5,184.15 to Randle Law Office, Ltd, L.L.P. and \$5,107.35 to The Retail Coach Councilman Isbell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Steve Bezner, 11822 Block of Amblewood Drive, congratulated the new council members. He noted that the last two election cycles have focused on single issues and asked when plan to reconstruct Kirkwood would be put in place. Mayor Jessup noted that there are funding issues that exist with Kirkwood's

redevelopment that will take two to four years to work out. In the meantime, the West Airport project must be completed first.

There being no further business to consider, Councilman Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilman Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary