

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF MAY 28, 2013
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: Terry Henley
Terry Morgan
John Isbell
John Whiteman

thus constituting a quorum

Absent: Dave Wilkens

Mayor Jessup called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Parker and Mayor Charles Jessup gave the invocation.

The third item on the agenda was Judge Bret Kisluk conducted swearing in of former Councilmember Terry Henley, Alderman position 4 and new incoming Councilmember Kelle K. Mills, Alderman position 5.

The fourth item on the agenda was Comments by elected members and comments by the Mayor. Councilmember Terry Henley stated that he appreciates the support of residents through the years. Cities, counties and state agencies spend over 1 million dollars per year on newspaper notices and ads that are required by law to post in local papers. One of Councilmember Henley's roles is working with the Texas Municipal League to help reduce some of the excessive spending for posting public notices in newspapers.

Councilmember Kelle Mills thanked everyone for their support. Councilmember Mills has lived in Meadows Place since 1989.

The fifth item on the agenda was the Meadows Place Home and Garden Club Scholarships. Shea Braund, Kaylyn Court, Gregory Hansen, Cody Kitchen, Uma Lad, Dakota Mills, Robin Myers, Aaron Wagner, Taylor Wilkins were awarded scholarships and are all local residents of Meadows Place.

The fifth item on the agenda was presentation of Ft. Bend Sub-Regional Planning Initiative. City of Meadows Place is identified by its well maintained park and lake as well as its beautiful green landscape and trees.

Chief Gary Stewart provided the Meadows Place Police Department update. There were 4 accidents reported, 4 arrests and 2250 service calls. There were 46 reports and 347 traffic violations with 478 charges. Residential burglaries were down from 6 to 4 and commercial burglaries were down to 0. There were approximately 30 attendees at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting held at the new Tactical Training Center. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held, Wednesday June 19, at 7 pm, topic to be announced. House watches are up from 169 to 443. The Meadows Place Police Department is continuing the TLC Program. There were 348 contacts during the month of April with 278 passing and 70 failing. The 3 (Burglary of a Motor Vehicle) BMV's were in the business district/school with contents left in plain sight (briefcase, purse, GPS and cell phone. MPPD has worked with HPD to identify six (6) suspects and has already arrested three (3). Charges have been filed on the remaining and warrants are expected soon. All the suspects are known gang members out of the Loop 610 / Cullen area of Houston.

Mayor Jessup then gave the City's Fire Department report. He noted the report included 18 EMS calls, 0 Structure fire, 0 vehicle fire, 4 Fire/Carbon Monoxide alarms, and fourteen other fire related incidents with a total of 39 calls made to Meadows Place in April. Mayor Jessup stated, in response to questions about how the City's contract works with the City of Stafford, the City of Stafford utilizes the fire station on Kirkwood and their staff monitors the EMS and fire calls for Meadows Place. Dan McGraw works closely with the Stafford Fire Chief.

Mayor Jessup introduced the new Code Enforcement Officer, Jerry Parker. Mr. Parker stated he is very excited about the opportunity and has begun assessing the area to ensure code compliance.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor Jessup noted that the new Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Parker began working this morning. Melody Vaal, former Accountant for the City has relocated to Indiana however will be training the new Accountant, Anna Weston who will begin June 10. City Secretary Yolanda Wilson will be relocating due to husband's employer transferring him to Dallas. The Mayor also met with Rick Staigle who volunteered to help with the West Airport project which will begin by Spring of 2014. TXDOT will fund the Airport project, saving Fort Bend County as well as the City money. The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is assisting the City with producing a marketing video which will assist in providing potential businesses a sense of community. Finally, a local realtor suggested the City would benefit from

having a community garden. Other cities such as the City of Southside Place currently have a community garden.

Councilmember John Isbell provided an update on Meadows Place Home and Garden Tour. Councilmember John Isbell apologized about the weather however the tour was a success that rose over \$6,000 for scholarships. Councilmember Isbell thanked his wife Ms. Shirley Isbell who assisted him in coordinating the Meadows Place Home and Garden Tour. There were a lot of people involved in making this event happen and anyone who attended would agree that Meadows Place is a beautiful city. Councilmember Isbell also thanked everyone for their financial support of the event as well as for their volunteerism.

Councilmember Morgan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adopt the minutes from the April 23, 2013 Workshop and Council Meeting and May 21, 2013 Special Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jessup discussed that he takes this topic very seriously and there have been 20 reported drowning in the State of Texas this year. Meadows Place has tremendous public servants that are dedicated and do a fantastic job. This is why it is important to recognize them with a proclamation.

Mayor Jessup then read a proclamation proclaiming the month of May in the City of Meadows Place, Texas as National Water Safety Month.

Councilman Henley made a motion to ratify a bill to Randle Law Office, Ltd, L.L.P. for \$ 6,756.25 for legal services. Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Councilmember Kelle K. Mills invited everyone out to support the Dulles High School Varsity Baseball team. Dakota Mills, Councilmember Mills son, plays on the team and is an outstanding player.

Shirley Isbell of the 12000 block of Scottsdale, thanked everyone for making this year's Meadows Place Home and Garden tour a success. Ms. Isbell commended the Economic Development Corporation for providing its financial support for projects that help promote and market the City.

Moe Wolfe of the 12000 block of Monticeto stated that Bamboo can create a hazard and is considered to be a type of grass and will grow uncontrollably. He has a neighbor that has Bamboo in his yard and this type will continue to grow and spread throughout other neighbor's yards.

Chuck McClurkin of the 11000 block of Brighton stated that Helfman Ford should be aware of the litter that is in their parking lot. Mr. McClurkin has reported this to one of the Helfman employees. Also, the No Thru Truck signs are being ignored by truck drivers who are still turning onto Dorrance.

There being no further business to consider, Councilman Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morgan, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Yolanda M. Wilson, City Secretary