

City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Mayor John Aaron called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. declaring that the required quorum was present at the Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall, 177 Broadmoor, Meadowlakes, Texas. Members present were: Mayor John Aaron, and council members Jaye Dawson, Laird Landis, Christine Forsyth, Bill Pickard, and Camille Sweigart. Also present were City Administrator Johnnie Thompson, City Secretary Linda Wendling, and City Treasurer Eileen Harrison.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:

Councilmember Landis led the meeting members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Pickard led the meeting members and guests in prayer.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS: (Limited to 15 minutes total on general subjects and agenda items. Agenda Item specific comments may also be made part of agenda item council discussion.)

A. There were no citizen comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. February 12, 2008 - Called Meeting (Attachment A)

Mayor Aaron introduced the minutes for February 12, 2008 and received no redlines or comments. Councilmember Pickard made a motion that all three (3) sets of minutes be approved at once and received no objection.

B. February 26, 2008 - Called Meeting (Attachment B)

Mayor Aaron introduced the minutes from February 26, 2008 and received no redlines or comments.

C. March 4, 2008 - Stated Meeting (Attachment C)

Mayor Aaron introduced the minutes for March 4, 2008 and received no redlines or comments. Councilmember Pickard made a motion to accept the minutes for February 12, February 26, and March 4, 2008 as written. Councilmember Sweigart seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT - Eileen Harrison, Treasurer (Attachment D)

A. March Financials - Treasurer Harrison presented the March financials highlighting that 82% of the ad valorem tax has been collected. Council discussion ensued with Mrs. Harrison responding to each question as posed to her. Mr. Thompson provided additional information relating thereto.

C. Line Item Transfers - There were no line item transfers.

Councilmember Landis made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. REPORTS:

A. Johnnie Thompson – Director PWD, Activity Report for March

(Attachment E) Mr. Thompson presented the PWD activity report, stating that the financials would be forthcoming later this month partially due to the delay of the bonds and the fact that closing the books on the last day of the month made reporting difficult within a one day turnaround. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Thompson indicating that everything thus far is progressing over & above projection. Mr. Thompson further reported on the PWD employees training seminar attendance, increased mowing, ongoing work at the country club, inventory of the golf course, general maintenance, and the status of the T.A.B.C. license process. Council discussion ensued.

B. Animal Control – Robbie Galaway, Officer – Activity Report for March

(Attachment F) Mr. Galaway presented the Animal Control Report, highlighting each bulleted item on Attachment F. Mr. Galaway stated there were two additional calls since the written report was submitted; one being beaver activity and the other being a sick fox which had to be shot and taken in for rabies testing. Council and audience discussion ensued, including the discussion of the necessity of a weapon for the Animal Control Officer due to the current high rate of rabies found in wild animals within the City and change of the animal control line announcement.

C. Ordinance Enforcement - Angela Wilson, Officer - Act. Report for March

(Attachment G) Mrs. Wilson presented the Ordinance Enforcement Report, highlighting that there were a total of 41 calls, mainly parking violations, juveniles, knocking on doors during late hours of the night, and trash on the curb. Council and audience discussion ensued with Mrs. Wilson responding to every question as posed to her.

E. POA - Don Williams, President - Activity Report for March

(Attachment H) Mr. Don Williams was not in attendance and will provide an additional report next month.

F. Building Committee - Herb Lewis, Chairman - Act. Report for March

(Attachment I) Mr. Lewis presented the Building Committee report highlighting each bulleted item in Attachment I. Council discussion ensued.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. PEC Franchise Review Committee - Activity and Update Report - Lynn Hardin, Bobby Burgess & Barry Cunningham (Attachment J)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by identifying the three (3) applicable backup documents that were within the agenda packet and turned the floor over to Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham introduced himself to the meeting members and guests, highlighting research performed, a maximum 2% franchise fee, suggested modifications, legal review, and the possible verbiage of underground runs only. Mayor Aaron stated the discussed changes will be incorporated into Ordinance 2008-06, brought before legal counsel for review, presented to PEC with a follow-up on the May agenda. Council and audience discussion ensued, highlighting the need for discussions with PEC regarding the condition of our current system, repair and replacement, conjoining of meters, and the possible effects of customer choice.

B. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2008-06 PEC Franchise Agreement Renewal – Lynn Harden (Attachment K)

This was discussed as item above; the proposed ordinance is not ready for signature at this time.

C. Action/discussion/update: Purchase of Hidden Falls Country Club and renovations thereof – Thompson (Attachment L)

Mr. Thompson provided a status report on the purchase of the Hidden Falls Country Club by highlighting each item in Attachment L and providing explanation thereof. Council and audience discussion ensued. Mr. Thompson stated that firm construction completion dates will be determined at a later time and the information thereof will be efficiently disseminated to the public. Council and audience discussion ensued with Mr. Thompson responding to each question as posed to him.

D. Action/discussion: Status Report on Breach of Contract and Counterclaim Lawsuit: City and CCM, Inc - Aaron (Attachment M)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item via an overhead projection presentation as outlined in Attachment M and provided explanation thereof.

E. Action/discussion/update: Proposed 2008 election contract with Burnet County's Election Administrator, Melanie Huff and information/forward planning related thereto - Aaron & Forsyth

(Attachment N) Mayor Aaron introduced this item via an overhead projection presentation as outlined in Attachment N and provided explanation. Council discussion ensued upon conclusion of the presentations.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action/discussion: Resignation of Jerry Bostick, Floodplain Administrator - Aaron (Attachment O)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by reading Mr. Bostick's resignation letter into record and stated his appreciation for his years of dedication and outstanding job performance. Mayor Aaron further stated that by default the Mayor will be the Floodplain Administrator until a replacement has been located. (Mr. Bostick was not in attendance; his certificate of appreciation plaque will be on the May agenda.)

B. Action/discussion: Resignation of Herb Lewis, Building Committee Chairman, recognition of service - Aaron

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating his appreciation for Mr. Lewis, outlining his numerous years of service and outstanding job performance and provided Mr. Lewis a certificate of appreciation plaque. Mr. Lewis received a standing ovation.

C. Action/discussion: Resignation of Joe Summers, Building Committee Member - Aaron (Attachment P)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating that Mr. Summers was not in attendance this evening so his recognition of service will be performed during the May council meeting, further stating that Mr. Summers will be a newly elected council member shortly.

D. Action/discussion: Resolution 08-011, Nomination & Consideration of Appointment of Blair Feller, Building Committee Chairman – Aaron

(Attachment Q) Mayor Aaron introduced Resolution 08-011 by identifying

Mr. Feller to the meeting members and guests, highlighting that he has already been appointed by the POA as the Architectural and Planning Chairman, that he has a great background for this position, and recommended the nomination of Mr. Feller as the new Building Committee Chairman. Mayor Aaron read Resolution 08-011 into record. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Dawson made a motion to adopt Resolution 08-011 with one (1) grammatical redline. Councilmember Sweigart seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

E. Action/discussion: Resolution 08-013, Nomination & Consideration of Appointment of Herb Lewis, Building Committee Member - Aaron

(Attachment R) Mayor Aaron introduced Resolution 08-013 by stating his appreciation that Mr. Lewis is willing to continue service as a member and his service would make the transition easier for the incoming Chairman. Councilmember Dawson made a motion to adopt Resolution 8-013 as written. Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

F. Action/discussion: Certification of unopposed candidates for the May 2008 Meadowlakes Election - Aaron (Attachment S)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by reading the official, signed certification of unopposed candidates into record for the meeting members and guests.

G. Action/discussion: Order of Election Cancellation - Aaron

(Attachment T) Mayor Aaron read the order of election cancellation into record for the meeting members and guests.

H. Action/discussion: Resolution 08-012, Child abuse awareness month -

Aaron (Attachment U) Mayor Aaron introduced Resolution 08-012 by reading the resolution into record for the meeting members and guests.

Councilmember Forsyth made a motion to adopt Resolution 08-012 as written. Councilmember Dawson read two (2) grammatical errors into record.

Councilmember Forsyth amended her motion to adopt Resolution 08-012 with the real time redlines discussed. Councilmember Landis seconded the amended motion. The amended motion carried by unanimous vote.

I. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2008-15, Authorization to enter into all necessary agreements with the Employees Retirement System of Texas to extend federal old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance benefits (Social Security Coverage) to the employees of the City of Meadowlakes - Thompson (Attachment V, W, & X)

Mr. Thompson introduced this item by providing a summary of its purpose and origination, highlighting procedures which must be done to come into compliance, that the procedure is lengthy and expected to take approximately one (1) year for completion, an Election Committee may be appointed and administer the referendum to the employees, State level approval required, Federal Government approval required, and to disregard Attachment X because it is only a sample at this point. Council and audience discussion ensued. Mayor Aaron read the ordinance into record for the meeting members and guests. Councilmember Sweigart made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-15 (Attachment V) with the real time redline discussed and waive the second reading. Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The options of the application were then described by Mayor

Aaron. Councilmember Pickard made a motion to approve the application (Attachment W) as presented with one hand-written write-in. Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

J. Action/discussion: Authorization to close the 2001 Construction Fund Banking account, 2001 Construction Checking Account, 2001 Interest & Sinking Fund Account, and the 2008 Refunding account - Thompson

(Attachment Y) Mr. Thompson introduced this item by stating that some accounts have already received authorization to close but due to the amount of time elapsed between the approval and the actual closing the auditors would prefer to re-ensure authorization. Mr. Thompson provided explanation of each account and the closure thereof. Councilmember Dawson made a motion for authorization of closure as presented this evening. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IX. TASK LISTING:

- **15** – In process.
- **40** – This item is completed; to be removed.
- **51** – This item is covered in the rules and regulations of the golf course so signage will follow shortly.
- **53** – This item is still in work with Mayor Aaron and Mr. Pickard.
- **54** – The sight-line letters went out to the residents; this item may be closed.
- **55** – The direct pay process has not been worked on yet due to other office priorities.
- **56** – This item is closed; the new building committee chairman has been chosen.

X. COUNCIL AND MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Limited to non-city related announcements unless subject matter specifically listed)

A. There are two (2) remaining unclaimed bicycles that were found within Meadowlakes. Please contact City Hall if you are missing a bicycle. Notices have also been previously posted at the Security Gate and via e-mail distribution approximately 6 months ago.

B. Councilmember Dawson stated that the activity reports have not been discussed regarding the stop sign at Meadowlakes Drive and Deer Lick by the Lakeside Park. Mayor Aaron stated that he has discussed this item with Officer Koening has been informed of the problem.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sweigart made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Dawson seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Approved:

/s/ John Aaron
Mayor

Date: May 6, 2008

Attest:

/s/ Linda A. Wendling **Date: May 6, 2008**
City Secretary