

**City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Mayor John Aaron called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Christine Forsyth, Laird Landis, Bill Pickard, Joe Summers, 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 Sweigart led the meeting members and guests in prayer. Councilmember Pickard led the meeting members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. Update of EMS operations for Meadowlakes and Marble Falls/Burnet County – Johnny Campbell (Attachment A) Mr. Campbell provided his report to the meeting members and guests; reviewing highlights of Attachment A, ambulance service provided, increase in calls and their corresponding figures, reduced response time by 1 minute, finances, personnel, uncollected funds and collection rates, car seat program, community CPR & First Aid, and regional involvement with emergency services. Council and audience discussion ensued.

IV. 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. Resident Len Fate stated that he is representing the POA tonight as the RV Director stating that a proposal was given to the Golf Course Director whereby the RV Park would utilize a portion of the City's storage facility in exchange for half the income.

B. Resident Stan Flora requested a response by the City in relation to the Highlander article authored by Rosalie Bryan, and further referencing a notification letter he received from the Ordinance Officer.

C. Resident Bill Forsyth stated he is campaigning for the POA open position; highlighting problems with the current Meadowlakes vehicle sticker system.

D. Resident Theresa Dollar voiced her dissatisfaction with City operations, ordinance enforcement, and letters thereof.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A. August 12, 2008 - Stated Meeting (Attachment B)

Mayor Aaron introduced the minutes for August 12, 2008. Council discussion ensued in relation to redlines. Councilmember Sweigart made a motion to approve the minutes with real-time redlines discussed. Councilmember Landis seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. August 23, 2008 – Called Meeting & Workshop (Attachment C)

Mayor Aaron introduced the minutes for August 23, 2008. Councilmember Pickard made a motion to adopt the minutes as written. Councilmember Landis seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. General Fund August Financials & Line Item Transfers - (Attachment D)

Treasurer Harrison presented the financials; highlighting the representing figures and stating everything was in line with the budget. Council discussion ensued. Mrs. Harrison stated there were no line item transfers.

B. Utility and RCC August Financials & Line Item Transfers (Attachment E)

Mr. Thompson presented the financials; highlighting budget items and stating that everything was in line with the budget except for the long term debt. In addition, Mr. Thompson briefly reported on the RCC budget. Council and audience discussion ensued. Mr. Thompson reported no line item transfers.

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

VII. REPORTS:

A. City Administrator Activity Report - Johnnie Thompson (Attachment F)

Mr. Thompson presented his report; highlighting construction progress is beginning to wind down, parking lot repaving, stating close-to-final figures for each construction item, and the upcoming re-roofing of the pro shop. Council and audience discussion ensued. Mr. Thompson additionally stated that the PWD staff will be meeting tomorrow regarding hurricane awareness and the CASA 5K run.

B. Animal Control Activity Report - Robbie Galaway, Officer (Attachment G)

Mr. Galaway was unavailable to attend; Mayor Aaron briefly recited his submitted written report. Council discussion ensued.

C. Ordinance Enforcement Activity Report - Harvey Raschke, Officer

(Attachment H) Mr. Raschke provided his report; highlighting the number of ordinance line calls received this month, observation rounds, citations, and reminder letters. Mr. Raschke further commented on fence damage at a residence on Carnoustie and large yucca plants being deposited at a residence on Olympia Fields.

D. POA Activity Report - Don Williams, President (Attachment I)

Mr. Williams presented his report; highlighting a proposed POA equipment donation, the proposed change in access to the gate, maintenance issues have been few, statements for 2009 POA fees and this years election proxy, and an announcement that Monday, September 22, there would be a reception for Johnnie Thompson for his 30 years of service. Mr. Williams responded to audience questions throughout his report. Council questions ensued and Mr. Forsyth addressed the proposed on-line security gate system.

E. City Building Committee Activity Report - Blair Feller, Chairman

(Attachment J) Mr. Feller presented his report; highlighting there were two new construction approvals and each bulleted item on Attachment J. Audience discussion ensued with Mr. Feller.

F. Hidden Falls Activity Report - Charlie Mabie (Attachment K & L)

Mr. Mabie presented his report; highlighting golf activity, range revenue, food and beverage opening, tennis revenue, pool revenue decrease as summer winds

down, upcoming scheduled events/luncheons, memberships, and highlighted the number and types of memberships.

G. Hidden Falls Golf Course Policy Oversight Committee (POC) Activity Report - Dale Fixsen - (Attachment M) Mr. Fixsen presented his report; highlighting Attachment M and each bulleted item in relation to their August 14th and 28th meetings. In closing, Mr. Fixsen stated he recommended not assessing the \$100.00 lifetime membership fees. Council and audience discussion ensued throughout Mr. Fixsen's presentation.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Action/discussion on selection of auditing firm to conduct FY 2008-2009 audit - Thompson (Attachment N)

Mr. Thompson introduced this item by stating a committee was assigned to review the proposals received from three separate firms, Michael Warner & Associates, P.C., Freeman Shapard & Story, and Neffendorf, Knopp, Horry & Doss, P.C., and further explained the comparison and evaluation of bids. Upon completion of the committee's evaluations it was recommended that Neffendorf, Knopp, Horry & Doss, P.C. be awarded the contract due to the highest point rating. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Thompson responding to every question as posed to him.

Councilmember Landis made a motion to accept the recommendation as provided from the committee. Councilmember Sweigart seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Action/discussion on employee disability and life – Thompson

(Attachment O) Mr. Thompson introduced this item by reviewing Attachment O and recommended that the City consider accepting a long term disability benefit in addition to a short term disability benefit with an increase of about \$10 per month per employee. Mr. Thompson also reported on life insurance options and provided Attachment O which outlined other cities benefits. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept the recommendation as provided by Mr. Thompson, that all employees receive medical, short term & long term disability and "additional" life insurance. (additional meaning that life insurance coverage over and above that provided currently to all fulltime employees as part of TMRS which equals one year salary). Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued. The motion failed; Councilmember Pickard and Summers voted for the motion, and Councilmember's Forsyth, Sweigart, and Landis voted against the motion.

Councilmember Sweigart made a motion to adopt medical, short term & long term disability for all employees, and "additional" life insurance for only the three grandfathered employees that currently have it. Councilmember Landis seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued. The motion passed; Councilmember's Sweigart, Landis and Forsyth voted for the motion, and Councilmember Pickard and Summers voted against it.

C. Action/discussion on establishing a proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2008 and establishing the time, place and location of public hearings and date to establish said tax rate (Attachment P & Q) Mayor Aaron introduced this item by providing background information as to the time schedule, recommending September 19th at 3:30 p.m. for the 1st tax hearing, September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. for the second tax hearing and first budget hearing, and

September 29th at 10:00 a.m. to adopt the budget, set the tax rate (\$0.299), and ratify. Council discussion ensued.

Councilmember Landis made a motion to adjust one meeting to a later hour. There was no second, the motion failed. Mayor Aaron read the proposed public notice into record. Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept the notice as presented. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote; 5 for the motion and 0 against the motion, maintaining the tax rate the same as previous year at \$0.299/\$100 evaluation.

D. Action/discussion on establishing time, place and location of public hearing with regards to adoption of fiscal year 2009 budget. (Attachment R & S) Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating the budget was provided to the Secretary on 8/27/08 and September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. is the proposed meeting date. Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. as the public hearing. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried; Councilmember Forsyth, Pickard, Sweigart and Summers voted for the motion, and Councilmember Landis abstained.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action/discussion: Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election - Forsyth (Attachment T) Councilmember Forsyth presented this item by providing a history of her research and discoveries thereof. Councilmember Forsyth provided her recommendation for Michael S. Nyren for Place 1, Charles Cox for Place 2, Paul Parker for Place 3, and Beverly Queen for Place 4. Council discussion ensued with Councilmember Landis recommending Holtman in Place 4.

Councilmember Landis made a motion to nominate Nyren for Place 1, Cox for Place 2, Parker for Place 3 and Holtman for Place 4. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Action/discussion: Formation of POC Nomination Committee - Aaron Mayor Aaron introduced this item by providing background information of the vacancy for fulfilling the remaining term of a POC committee member, term limits, announcements made and procedures related thereto. Mayor Aaron recommended that himself, Don Reed and Councilmember Pickard consist of the nominating committee. Upon receiving no objections Mayor Aaron proceeded to the next agenda item.

C. Action/discussion Resolution 08-016, Mixed beverage license authorization - Aaron/Thompson (Attachment U) Mayor Aaron introduced this resolution by providing a summary of its purpose and origination. Council and audience discussion ensued including possible redlines. Councilmember Summers made a motion to adopt the resolution as written. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. Council and audience discussion ensued including redlines. Councilmember Summers amended his motion to adopt Resolution 08-016 with real-time redlines discussed. Councilmember Pickard seconded the amended motion. Council and audience discussion ensued including conversation with POC Chairman Dale Fixsen. The motion passed; Councilmember Summers, Pickard, and Landis voted for the motion, Councilmember Sweigart opposed, and Councilmember Forsyth abstained. Council and audience discussion ensued.

C. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2008-21 – Adjust fee schedules for

FY2009 Budget - Aaron (Attachment V) Mayor Aaron introduced this item by providing a summary of its purpose and origination; highlighting specific changes which have taken place and the fact that there is a 6.25% windfall because approximately 90% of these fees are no longer taxable and therefore the customer would not suffer a bottom-line fee increase. Mayor Aaron further explained that this change will aid in getting the budget out of the hole while not causing the customer to endure additional costs. Council and audience discussion ensued throughout the dialogue, including proposed redlines. Based on Mayor's call for a potential motion, Councilmember Forsyth made a motion that we honor the recommendation of the POC to remove the \$100 lifetime membership annual assessment fee. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued in relation to lifetime members, the dedicated amount of work Mayor Aaron encountered to overcome legal obstacles in order to enable the lifetime memberships to be honored, and the fact that the other increases are not an impact to the customers due to being tax exempt; however, this lifetime assessment would be. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Landis made a motion to accept the ordinance as modified in real-time and authorize the Mayor to modify the fees as discussed. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Councilmember Summers made a motion that we waive the second reading. Councilmember Sweigart seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

E. Action/discussion: Tennis court agreement with Charlie Herrington – Thompson/Mabie (Attachment W) Council discussion ensued immediately.

Councilmember Pickard made a motion to accept the tennis court agreement as redlined. Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

F. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2008-23 – New Operating Hours to Allow Golf Course R&R – Mabie (Attachment X) Council discussion ensued immediately, including redlines.

Council discussion ensued regarding closing the course on Monday's and Mayor Aaron explained that closing the golf course on Monday was recommended by the POC and Charlie Mabie during the recent public budget workshop presentation. The attendant operating hours recommendation was subsequently provided by Charlie Mabie and incorporated in the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept the Ordinance as redlined and waive the second reading. Councilmember Sweigart seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued in relation to the effective date being changed to October 1, 2008. Audience discussion ensued. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

X. COUNCIL AND MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

A. City of Meadowlakes proposed FY2008-2009 Budget has been filed with the City Secretary on 8/27/08 and is available for public review. It is also posted on our website at www.meadowlaketexas.org.

B. Mayor update on Commissioners Court/County Mayors

Mayor Aaron reported on this item by stating most of the Mayors of the County were there and the meeting will take place every two months. Judge Klaeger is interested in bringing a future meeting to the Hidden Falls golf club. Council and audience discussion ensued.

C. Councilmember Landis commended the Mayor for speaking with the patrol officers in regards to increasing patrol at stop signs.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Summers made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Approved:

/s/ John Aaron _____ **Date:** 9/9/08
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Linda A. Wendling _____ **Date:** 9/9/08
City Secretary