

**City of Meadowlakes
City Council Called Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Mayor John Aaron called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. declaring that a quorum was present at the Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall, 177 Broadmoor, Meadowlakes, Texas. Members present were: Mayor John Aaron and council members Joe Summers, Camille Sweigart, Laird Landis, and Christine Forsyth. Also present were City Administrator Johnnie Thompson, City Treasurer Eileen Harrison and City Secretary Linda Wendling. Councilmember Bill Pickard was not in attendance.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action/discussion: Minimum One Year Texas Residency Requirement for City Council Candidacy, Eligibility of Strohman to Serve as City Council Alderman – Aaron (Attachment A)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by referring to each bulleted item on Attachment A; highlighting the one year residency requirement, information provided by the Secretary of State's Election Division Attorney Melanie Best, the Election Code, the Local Gov't Code, and the filed Application for Candidacy.

B. Action/discussion: Golf Course RCC Fund Emergency Loan Needs to Cover Cash Flow Shortfalls – Thompson

Mr. Thompson introduced this item by providing a summary of the total current amount of unpaid loans and reasons thereof, reviewing repayment options, clarification that the RCC is current with repayment of previous loans, estimated revenue, and the need for the loan to meet payables and payroll. Council and audience discussion ensued. Mr. Thompson reiterated that the loan is for \$35,000.00 with a 13 month payoff, 3% interest, with staggered payoff payments. Council discussion ensued in relation to interest rates. Councilmember Summers made a motion that we provide the loan at 2% interest instead of 3%. Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 3 to 1; Councilmember Landis, Forsyth and Summers voting for the motion and Councilmember Sweigart voting against.

C. Action/discussion: Options & Recommendations for Minimizing Hidden Falls Expenses and/or Improve Revenues and Cash Flow – Hatch (Attachment B, C & D)

Mr. Hatch addressed the meeting members and guests; highlighting cash flow problems versus profitability issues and reviewing every bulleted item on the overhead projection presentation (Attachment C). Council and audience discussion ensued throughout the presentation. Discussion included but was not limited to revenue, operating expenses, and ideas to increase revenue. Mr. Thompson then presented Attachment D to the meeting members and guests highlighting each bulleted item and stating that his suggestions in reducing the loss are the same as Mr. Hatch's but slightly more drastic. Council and audience discussion ensued. Mayor Aaron summarized by stating that some of the adjustments to the restaurant would be handled promptly by the managers, the rates that will take ordinance changes will come back before council, and simultaneously that we will continue to accept comments and

ideas for solutions from the public and volunteers that have food and beverage experience. Council and audience discussion and a question and answer session ensued in relation to multiple topics on this agenda.

D. Action/Discussion: Waiver of Facility Fee for POA's Hosting and Conduction of April 5th Open-To-The-Public "Meet the Candidates Meeting" at Hidden Falls Golf Club – Aaron

Mayor Aaron introduced this item. Councilmember Summers made a motion to waive the facility fee for the "Meet the Candidates Meeting" and Councilmember Landis seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

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

A. Resident Sherry Summers presented Mrs. Fixsen's prepared statement due to her early departure. Resident Summers thanked the volunteers that have been helpful in tree trimming on the golf course and acknowledged the men that were assisting; namely, Mr. Willinger, Mr. Mattinson, Mr. Selmon, Mr. Feller and Mr. Fixsen. In closing, she inquired where are the rest of the people that should be volunteering?

IV. COUNCIL & MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next regularly scheduled council meeting to take place on April 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Aaron

B. Next regularly scheduled public forum to take place on April 28th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Aaron

Additionally, Mayor Aaron stated that there would be no backup Saturday meeting; it was now cancelled.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Landis made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Approved:

/s/ John Aaron _____ **Date: 4/2/08**
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Linda A. Wendling _____ **Date: 4/2/08**
City Secretary