

City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Mayor John Aaron called the meeting to order at 5:04 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, Franzella Jones, Bill Pickard and Joe Summers. Also present were City Administrator Johnnie Thompson, City Treasurer Eileen Harrison and City Secretary Linda Wendling. Councilmember Mike Tepper was not in attendance.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:

Councilmember Summers led the meeting members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Forsyth led the meeting members and guests in prayer.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mayor Aaron stated that in the interest of time the 'Citizen Comments' portion of the agenda would be moved forward for Commissioner Joe Dockery.

A. Commissioner Joe Don Dockery introduced himself to the meeting members and guests, thanked Mayor Aaron and Councilmember Summers for their service and welcomed Councilmember Pickard back to the council for another term. Commissioner Dockery stated he would like to thank everyone for their efforts on the household hazardous waste project; highlighting the cities that participated, stated that both the Burnet and Marble Falls area events were very successful, amounts and items collected, and gave particular appreciation to Mike Williams and Johnnie Thompson for their assistance in pulling the projects together.

B. There were no other citizen comments.

III. MONTHLY STANDARD LIVE REPORTS (Progress & Status Reports Only - Recommendations or action discussions not allowed)

A. City Administrator Activity & Financial Summary Report - Johnnie Thompson (Attachment A)

Mr. Thompson introduced his report highlighting that the patio cover project is complete and is a very attractive addition to the golfing complex, any and all projects related to the golf course were rejected during the SECO grant process so therefore we have to resubmit by this Thursday's deadline and we are in the process of reviewing and getting quotes to replace all the lighting and three (3) hot water heaters. Mr. Thompson also reported that the irrigation system upgrades are on track, discussed the leak on #17 spillway, stated that dozer work is progressing quickly, reviewed the financial statements of each fund and outlined excessive disbursements. Council discussion ensued throughout the report, including statements of appreciation for the individuals that assisted with the patio cover project and beautification efforts.

B. General Fund Financial Summary Report - Eileen Harrison

(Attachment B) Mrs. Harrison introduced her report highlighting that the patio account is cleared out and no funds remain, 97% of the ad valorem tax has

been collected, over 400 copies of the phonebook have been sold, the cost of the golf cart decals was not budgeted, all expenditures are in line with the budget and that the fund is in a good financial position.

C. Public Works Department Activity Report - Mike Williams

(Attachment C) Mr. Williams introduced his report highlighting his appreciation to Mr. Dockery for organizing the household hazardous waste events, stated that 600 vehicles were served between both events, highlighted item #6 on Attachment C, including the removal of dead pecan trees on Mahan property and adding grass seed. Council discussion ensued, including discussion on item #2 on Attachment C.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. April 13, 2010 Stated Meeting Minutes (Attachment D)

B. Ordinance Enforcement April Activity Report – Joe Hernandez, Officer (Attachment E)

C. Animal Control April Activity Report - Robbie Galaway, Officer (Attachment F)

D. City Building Committee April Activity Report – Don Wheeler, Chairman (Attachment G)

E. General Fund April Detail Financials Report - Eileen Harrison, Treasurer (Attachment H)

F. Utility Fund April Detail Financials Report- Johnnie Thompson, City Admin. (See Attachment A)

Councilmember Summers commented that he liked the ordinance enforcement officer's new reporting format. Councilmember Jones made a motion to adopt the consent items as presented. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. There were no citizen comments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2010-06 (Second Reading) Amendments to Code and related cleanup: Dual Office holding restrictions and City committees term expiration/appointment, Building Committee: Terms of office, Board of Adjustment assignment, Open Meeting requirements, construction signage, and contractor registration requirements, amended plat approval, and Ordinance Office employment options – Aaron

(Attachment I) Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating that this is a second reading of the ordinance. Council discussion ensued. Mayor Aaron provided explanation into dual office holding opinions, the one change that occurred since the first reading and that the City Attorney reviewed the first reading as amended and had no changes. Mayor Aaron reviewed the membership recruitments that are willing to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Building Committee. Council discussion ensued and Mayor Aaron provided additional information. Council discussion continued. Councilmember Summers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-06 with one redline. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of three (3) ayes to one (1) nay; Councilmembers Forsyth, Pickard and Summers voting for the motion and Councilmember Jones voting against the motion.

B. Action/Discussion: Resolution 10-006, Building Committee membership adjustment – Aaron (Attachment J)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by highlighting the changes that will be imposed if this resolution passes and that Place 3 will become vacant, providing explanation that the council may leave the position vacant or choose to select another replacement. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-006 as presented.

Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

C. Action/discussion: Resolution 10-007, Planning & Zoning Commission membership reformation – Aaron (Attachment K)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating this resolution confirms the P&Z membership and reviewed each committee member's name and place number. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Summers made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-007 as presented. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

D. Action/discussion: Golf Course irrigation system focused repair initiative status report – Thompson

Mr. Thompson stated he covered this item as part of his administrative report, see Attachment A.

E. Action/discussion: Golf Course drainage survey - Thompson

(Attachment L) Mr. Thompson introduced this item by stating that this was discussed last month but it was tabled for further review. Mr. Thompson explained that he and Councilmember Summers reviewed some of the problem areas offline. Mr. Thompson also highlighted that some of the work could be done without major cost if we could successfully work that out with Burnet County, there are no funds for any of the drainage work because the City does not levy a maintenance tax, and that we could consider a storm water fee which is earmarked for storm water drainage and protection if we get to the point where the repairs are major. In closing, Mr. Thompson stated he needed some council guidance because so many people are affected by run-off. Council discussion ensued.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Election results and plans for installation of elected council members – Wendling (Attachment M)

Mrs. Wendling introduced this item by providing the council members and guests a brief explanation as to the procedures of the canvass of election, swearing in the new candidates and reviewing the upcoming proposed agenda, Attachment M.

B. Action/discussion: PFC quarterly report and financials – Fixsen

(Attachments N & O) Mr. Fixsen introduced his report by providing an overhead review highlighting the drastic changes in assets, income statement, golf course activity, review of new membership figures, manager's compensation, food and beverage financial review, golf operations and net income for the past six (6) months. Discussion ensued throughout the presentation. Mayor Aaron summarized that the performance and financials as presented this evening were very impressive and referred to it as a success story. Mr. Wilson complimented the council on their decision making process of realizing there was a problem and implementing the necessary steps to remedy the situation successfully.

C. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2010-08, Transition to City Manager Form of Government: Enabling Ordinance - Aaron (discussion subject to election results) (Attachment P)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating this ordinance is being presented due to the outcome of the overwhelming vote for the proposition. Mayor Aaron stated there are statutory requirements whereby we have sixty (60) days to get matters into place; this ordinance provides for the appointment, duties, compensation, and a contract of employment and provides for other related matters. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Jones made a motion to postpone the ordinance until the May 17th meeting to allow council more time to review. Council and audience discussion ensued. Councilmember Forsyth stated she would like to change the compensation increase from ten percent (10%) to five percent (5%) and approve this ordinance tonight. Councilmember Jones' motion failed due to lack of a second. Councilmember Forsyth made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-08 as presented with one compensation change of ten percent (10%) to five percent (5%), waive the second reading and make grammatical redline changes. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of three (3) ayes to one (1) nay; Councilmembers Forsyth, Pickard and Summers voting for the motion and Councilmember Jones voting against the motion.

D. Action/discussion: Resolution 10-008, Authorizing City Administrator to solicit bids for sale of existing golf cart fleet utilized by the Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation – Thompson (Attachment Q)

Mr. Thompson introduced Resolution 10-008 by stating it did have many grammatical changes that will be required and provided a summary of its purpose and origination. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Pickard made a motion that we authorize the adoption of Resolution 10-008 with the grammatical changes required and with a pay down of principle. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

E. Action/discussion: General & Utility fund line item transfers - Harrison and Thompson

There were no line item transfers.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. City Secretary, Linda Wendling, acknowledged that tonight is Mayor Aaron's last officiating meeting and therefore she would like to state her appreciation for his continued guidance and patience, stating "I'm very sad to see you go."

IX. COUNCIL AND MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Next Council Meeting May 17, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

B. May 25th Public Forum is canceled - Public Forum(s) schedule to be established by incoming new Council.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Aaron adjourned at 7:18 p.m. with the exception of one item. Mayor Aaron returned the keys to the City stating that he enjoyed the association, he complimented the council present tonight and previous councils that he has served with, he appreciated the integrity and the hard work that the council has provided and congratulated them for always putting community first. Mayor Aaron closed stating, "I salute you."

Approved:

/s/ John Aaron _____ **Date:** 5/11/10
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Linda A. Wendling _____ **Date:** 5/11/10
City Secretary