

City of Meadowlakes Stated Meeting Minutes January 10, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION: Mayor Don Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 declaring that a quorum was present at the Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall, 177 Broadmoor, Meadowlakes, Texas. Council members present were Paul Sarcione, Rusty Crawford, Franzella Jones, Barry Cunningham, and Bill Pickard. Also present were City Manager Johnnie Thompson, City Treasurer Eileen Harrison and City Secretary Stephanie Littleton.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER: Mayor Williams led the meeting members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roy Belcher led the meeting members and guests in prayer.

III. MONTHLY STANDARD LIVE REPORTS:

City Manager Activity Report - Johnnie Thompson

- Consent Items as listed below

Mr. Thompson briefed Council that during December was quiet with no major problems. He summarized the monthly reports, detailing the warnings issued by the Ordinance Officer, citations, that there were not any reports of vandalism and that the City currently has 10 active building permits. He told the Council that property tax income had been slow, but expected to rebound as the tax deadline nears. He informed the Council that the General Fund is performing as anticipated and that the Public Works fund is performing better than anticipated. He gave a status update on the renovation of the swimming pool bathrooms, confirming the presence of structural damage, resulting in costs expected to exceed those budgeted unless other expenses can be cut. He did confirm that there is money in the Petty Cash fund to cover the overage. Mr. Thompson also updated the status of the Codification process, explaining that chapters 1, 3, and 5 of the Code will be provided for Council review prior to the workshop on January 12th, and that he anticipates the review will take more than one meeting.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. December 13th and December 29th, 2011 Meeting Minutes – Stephanie Littleton, City Secretary.

B. Ordinance Enforcement December Activity Report – Pat Preston

C. Animal Control December Activity Report - Robbie Galaway, Officer

- D. Patrol Activity December Report – provided by Meadowlakes Patrol Officers.**
- E. Vandalism/Incident December Activity Report – Stephanie Littleton, City Secretary**
- F. City Building Committee December Activity Report - Don Wheeler, Chairman**
- G. Public Works Department December Activity Report - Mike Williams, PWD**
- H. General Fund December Detailed Financials Report - Eileen Harrison, Treasurer**
- I. Utility Fund December Detailed Financials Report - Johnnie Thompson, City Manager**

Councilmember Paul Sarcione made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Councilmember Rusty Crawford seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

- V. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Mr. David Martin spoke about his large family and how they currently fill 3 cans of trash each week, and as a result he is in favor of the new 96-gallon trash cans not only for neatness but also for the safety of the Allied workers. Mary Ann Raesener spoke about how as a resident who lives on the golf course, she feels the golf course is important to her home valuation and she wants to make sure the course stays open. She went on to express her displeasure at the City debt being dumped on the PFC. Sara Collard spoke in favor of the new trash cans, stating that she likes the uniform look, but more importantly does not agree with the 7% fee increase for the new contract. Logan Stanley also spoke in favor of the automated system, pointing out that Allied Waste is willing to outlay more money for upgrades at a minimal cost to us. He explained that he believes the new cans look better and are healthier. Resident Georgina Christy spoke against the Friday collection day, mentioning that the requirement that trash cans must be stored out of view will be difficult for residents with small garages or who leave town, and that the ordinance will likely need to be changed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Action/Discussion:** Contract for solid waste collection with BFI Waste Services of Texas, LL (Allied Waste)-Mayor Williams introduced this item by stating that three members of the City Council asked for a review of the new contract that was not passed in December when the extension of the existing contract was approved, and that is why the matter was again placed on the agenda. Mayor Williams referred Council to the information provided in last month's packet. He stated that in order to move forward, a motion to approve the new contract will be required as the old contract has been passed and cannot be

modified. Council discussion ensued with Councilmember Jones objecting to the legality of the Council proceedings. Councilmember Rusty Crawford made a motion to approve the new contract. Councilmember Paul Sarcione seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 3-2 with Councilmembers Barry Cunningham, Paul Sarcione and Rusty Crawford voting in favor and Councilmember Franzella Jones and Bill Pickard voting against.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Action/Discussion: Ordinance 2012-01-Amending Solid Waste Fees. Due to the approval of the new Allied Waste contract, this Ordinance no longer applied, no action was taken.
- B. Action/Discussion: Contracting with the Lower Colorado River Authority for acquisition of raw water.-City manager Johnnie Thompson stated that the anticipated contract did not arrive, so no discussion or action was taken.
- C. Action/Discussion: Authorizing City Manager to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement the Lower Colorado River Authority. City Manager Johnnie Thompson provided Council background on why the agreement would be beneficial to the City, but that he is still waiting on the contract, so no action was taken.
- D. Action/Discussion: Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation
 - 1. Restructuring existing debt
 - 2. Amendment of Fiscal Year Annual Reimbursement Cost Agreement.
 - 3. Financial Status.

Mayor Williams referred the Council to the agenda packet to review the submissions for restructuring the existing PFC debt. He briefed the Council on a recent meeting held with PFC board members Steve Hawkins and Donnie Zavala, Councilmember Paul Sarcione, himself, and the POA board. He stated that the POA will meet Thursday at 4:00 to discuss options for assisting the PFC. Council and audience discussion ensued. Mayor Williams reminded Council that they can't take action on any proposal until after the POA meets. After further discussion ensued about how to provide immediate relief to the PFC, Councilmember Bill Pickard made a motion to suspend the PFC loan through end of the current fiscal year and that the City pay the remaining balance on the equipment lease in May. After that payment is made, the PFC can begin repaying the loan in equal installments through the end of the fiscal year. Councilmember Rusty Crawford seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present. After the vote, POA President Roy Belcher expressed his concern that this action was a band aid and not a viable long-term solution.

- E. Action/Discussion: Appointment of Van Estill and Joe Summers to the Building Committee to replace Place 5 Alan Huddleston and Place

- 7 Homer Snider. City Secretary Stephanie Littleton briefed Council on the need to replace outgoing Building Committee members Alan Huddleston and Homer Snider. After Council discussion, Councilmember Bill Pickard made a motion to approve the nominations. Councilmember Franzella Jones seconded the motion, and it passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.
- F. Action/Discussion: May 2012 election. City Secretary Stephanie Littleton briefed Council on the upcoming May General Election, stating that the Contract for the election with Burnet County will be available for review and possible approval by the February Council meeting.

VI. COUNCIL & MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Codification Workshop scheduled for January 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
- B. Mayor Williams publicly thanked Alan Huddleston and Homer Snider for their years of dedication and service on the Building Committee.
- C. Northland outages
- D. Anthony Teeter observed the meeting to earn his Communication badge for Eagle Scouts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Approved:

/s/ Don Williams **Date:** 2/14/12
Mayor, Don Williams

Attest:

/s/ Stephanie Littleton **Date:** 2/14/12
City Secretary, Stephanie Littleton