

City of Meadowlakes Stated Meeting Minutes February 12, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION: Mayor Don Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. declaring that a quorum was present at the Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall, 177 Broadmoor, Meadowlakes, Texas. Councilmembers present were Barry Cunningham, Mary Ann Raesener, Paul Sarcione, Franzella Jones and Gary Hammond. Also present was City Manager Johnnie Thompson and City Secretary Stephanie Littleton.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER: Paul Sarcione led the Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pat Preston led the Council and guests in prayer.

III. MONTHLY STANDARD LIVE REPORTS:

City Manager Johnnie Thompson addressed the Council and citizens, summarizing the contents and major highlights of the monthly reports, including the patrol hours, ordinance & parking violations and the financial condition of the various City funds, adding that tax collections have been slower this year than in past years. He presented the results from the first few weeks of data from the new radar speed sign, outlining the number of vehicles and average speed for certain streets. He informed the Council that he had received the draft plans for the new water storage tank and that they have been submitted to TCEQ for approval. Once that is received, the City will send requests for bid, with a tentative start date for the project between July and September. Mr. Thompson concluded his report by notifying the Council that the City is now posting more detailed financials on the city's website, including check registers as suggested by the auditors. This increased transparency will also enable the City to apply to the state Comptroller for a municipal transparency award.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A.** January 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes –Stephanie Littleton, City Secretary
- B.** Ordinance Enforcement January 2013 Activity Report – Pat Preston
- C.** Animal Control January 2013 Activity Report - Robbie Galaway, Officer
- D.** Patrol Activity January 2013 Report - provided by Meadowlakes Patrol Officers

- E.** Vandalism/Incident January 2013 Activity Report – Stephanie Littleton, City Secretary
- F.** City Building Committee January 2013 Activity Report - Don Wheeler, Chairman
- G.** Public Works Department January 2013 Activity Report - Mike Williams, PWD
- H.** January 2013 Detailed Financials Report - Johnnie Thompson, City Manager

Mayor Williams addressed numerous complaints received from residents regarding cats running loose. After Council discussion, Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Councilmember Raesener seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.

- V. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Christine Forsyth spoke regarding the plan to sell City owned property to raise money for the golf course. She presented her legal and financial concerns, and suggested ending lifetime memberships as a better long-term financial solution. Sandi Fixsen requested that the radar speed sign be moved farther away from the speed bump. Georgina Christy expressed her belief that the golf course lot sale would have to be approved by a citizen’s vote. Joe Summers, President of the MGA, also spoke about the potential golf course lot sale, stating that he and the MGA are against the proposal because it will diminish the character of the course. He urged Council not to move forward, and expressed his appreciation for the effort to raise money for the course.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Action/Discussion:** *Development and/or sale of underutilized city owned property.* Mayor Williams spoke, stating that his interpretation of the City attorney’s opinion is that an election is recommended but not required. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Sarcione made a motion to accept reconfiguration of the gold course through the development and sale of underutilized city owned property. The was no second and the motion died on the floor.

B. Status Update:

- 1. Meadowlakes Directory Update
- 2. Codification Update moved to item E under new business.

City Secretary Stephanie Littleton updated the Council on the latest progress of the directory and Codification, stating that the phone book should be ready for publication by the end of February and the codification was nearly complete.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** *Action/Discussion: Resolution 13-001 Ordering the General Election on May 11, 2013.* Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 13-001 Ordering the General Election. Councilmember Raesener seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.
- B.** *Action/Discussion: Authorizing Mayor Williams to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition.* Councilmember Jones made a motion to approve the Interlocal with redlines. Councilmember Raesener seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.
- C.** *Resolution 13-002 appointing two members of the elected board to the Executive Committee and two staff members to the Technical Committee of the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition.* After Council discussion, it was suggested that the resolution should be passed after the May 11 election. No action was taken.
- D.** *Action/Discussion: Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation operations and financial condition.* This item was placed on the agenda to facilitate PFC and Council discussion. PFC Chairman Steve Hawkins spoke and distributed a summary sheet to Council. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Sarcione asked specific procedural questions regarding the bar, and Councilmember Jones suggested a joint Council and PFC workshop to discuss ideas.
- E.** *Action/Discussion: Calling special meeting to review Fiscal Year 2012 Audit and/or rescheduling March 2013 regular meeting.* City Secretary Stephanie Littleton talked about the codification progress stating that the draft copy should be available for review by the end of February. She suggested moving the monthly Stated meeting to March 5th with a codification and audit workshop prior to the meeting at 3:00 pm and then the stated meeting at 5:00 pm. Councilmember Cunningham made a motion to move the March Stated meeting to the 5th. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion and it passed by a majority vote with Councilmember Sarcione abstaining from voting.

VIII. COUNCIL & MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** Mayor Williams wished everyone present a happy Fat Tuesday.
- B.** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 5th, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. after a workshop from 3-5 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 6:08 p.m.

Approved:

/s/ Don Williams **Date:** 3/5/13
Mayor, Don Williams

Attest:

/s/ Stephanie Littleton **Date:** 3/5/13
City Secretary, Stephanie Littleton