

**City of Meadowlakes
Stated Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:** Mayor Mary Ann Raesener 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 Mike Barry, Barry Cunningham, Alton Fields, Clancy Stephenson and Jerry Drummond. Also present was City Manager Johnnie Thompson and City Secretary Christy Fath.

- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Fields led the Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** James Holmes, who lives on the driving range, spoke about how the grass on range not looking very nice and had heard that someone put weed killer on it. Mr. Holmes discussed how it can affect property values. Mayor suggested talking to PFC or the golf pro about issue.

- IV. **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 and parking violations. He updated Council on the City financials since they weren't included in packet due to closing out for year end. Mr. Thompson stated there was a pay increase on officers from \$25 to \$30 in order to keep officers working in Meadowlakes. He discussed personnel changes in the office and in public works.

- VI. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - A. September 9th, 2014 Workshop and Public Hearing Minutes –Christy Fath, City Secretary
 - B. Ordinance Enforcement September 2014 Activity Report – Pat Preston
 - C. Animal Control September 2014 Activity Report - Robbie Galaway, Officer
 - D. Patrol Activity September 2014 Report - provided by Meadowlakes Patrol Officers
 - E. Vandalism/Incident September 2014 Activity Report – Christy Fath, City Secretary
 - F. City Building Committee September 2014 Activity Report – Blair Feller, Chairman
 - G. Public Works Department September 2014 Activity Report - Mike Williams, PWD

After Council discussion, Councilmember Drummond made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Councilmember Cunningham seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Action/Discussion: Update on the establishment of a police department for the City of Meadowlakes.** Councilman Drummond discussed the research, options for dispatching, hours and how to proceed. Johnnie Thompson discussed the procedures in order to establish a department. Mr. Thompson stated that it would cost around \$65,000 plus the \$1,000 application fee. Bob Powers, citizen, discussed the requirements for reserve officers. Councilmember Cunningham suggested getting public input before proceeding. Councilmember Fields stated that he would like to see a questionnaire sent out to residents. A lengthy discussion ensued between Council and residents. Councilmember Fields made a motion to send out a survey to the residents with enough information for them to respond. Councilmember Cunningham seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present. Councilmember Fields made a motion to appoint a committee, consisting of Bob Powers, Bob Brown and Carolyn Richmond to help Johnnie Thompson and Councilmember Drummond with the survey. Councilmember Barry seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present, with Councilmember Stephenson abstaining.
- B. Action/Discussion/Status Update: Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation operations and financial condition.** Patti Wray, PFC Secretary briefed the council on the September financials.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Annual Briefing from Johnny Campbell, Executive Director, Marble Falls Area EMS, Inc. with regards to emergency medical services provided to the City.** Johnny Campbell briefed the Council on the total calls, transports, non-transports, average age of patients, staff and costs of running the EMS. He stated that the average response time is 7.2 minutes. Mr. Campbell discussed the coverage area. He stated that 4.14% of their call volume is for Meadowlakes. Johnny Thompson discussed Meadowlakes contract with Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell briefed Council on their collections. Carolyn Richmond, resident, asked about types of donations from cities. Mr. Campbell stated that some cities still put the donations on their utility billing.
- B. Annual Briefing by representatives of the Marble Falls Area Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. regarding fire protection services provided to the City by the organization.** Mike Phelps briefed Council on the total calls, water source, and increasing their ISO rating. He stated that the department will have \$25,000 banked at year end. Mr. Phelps discussed how they use the money along with grants. Councilman Drummond asked about the Meadowlakes rating, Johnnie Thompson stated that it was a six and that the lower the better. Councilman Drummond asked what the city could do to get the rating down and Mr. Phelps stated that a brush truck could be parked in the city so that it would cut down response time. Johnnie Thompson discussed the ISO rating and testing the hydrants more often to help with the rating. Council discussion ensued.
- C. Action/Discussion: Ordinance 2014-05 – Designation of “No Parking” area along Meadowlakes Drive just outside the Meadowlakes Security Gate.** Councilmember Drummond made a motion to adopt the ordinance as

presented. Councilmember Fields seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.

- D. Action/Discussion: Resolution 2014-007 - Resolution approving the appointment of members to the Meadowlakes Planning and Zoning Commission, Building Committee and the Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation.** Johnnie Thompson stated that the wording “and appointment of chair to the planning and zoning commission and building committee” needed to be deleted. Mayor Raesener announced the appointees of the CBC. Councilmember Fields made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Cunningham seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.
- E. Action/Discussion: Resolution 2014-008 - Support for Proposition One Constitutional Amendment for State Highway Fund.** Mayor Raesener discussed the ordinance. Councilmember Fields made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Cunningham seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present with Councilmember Drummond abstaining.
- F. Action/Discussion: Authorizing City Manager to enter into a contract with Prime Controls for updating the City’s water treatment plant operational system.** Johnnie Thompson discussed the contract with Prime Controls for the software updating. He stated that the total cost was \$25,400. Bob Powers, resident, inquired which operating system is used. Mr. Thompson stated it was Windows 8. Councilmember Cunningham made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Prime Controls. Councilmember Barry seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.
- G. Action/Discussion: Funding for paving of the new parking area adjacent to City Hall.** Johnnie Thompson discussed the changes in legislation on Counties providing services at no cost and how they now have to bill for the services. He stated that this was not budgeted for and the cost will be approximately \$15,000-\$17,000. Mr. Thompson stated that Pat Preston, Ordinance Enforcement has agreed to put temporary signs on his vehicle so that would eliminate the purchase of the used vehicle and that money could be used for the paving. Councilmember Fields made a motion to approve the funding for the paving of the new parking area. Councilmember Drummond seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.
- H. Action/Discussion: Changing name of Hidden Falls Golf Course to Meadowlakes Municipal Golf Course.** Councilmember Fields requested to table the item.

IX. COUNCIL & MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A.** Election Day November 4th, 2014.
- B.** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held November 11th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
- C.** LCRA will be applying an aquatic herbicide treatment tomorrow and water should not be used for irrigation for seven days.
- D.** Johnnie Thompson announced the Council has been given a fraud inquiry from the auditor to be filled out and returned.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Raesener adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Approved:

/s/ Mary Ann Raesener **Date:** November 12, 2014
Mayor, Mary Ann Raesener

Attest:

/s/ Christy Fath **Date:** November 12, 2014
City Secretary, Christy Fath