

**City of Meadowlakes  
Stated Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2014**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:** Mayor Mary Ann Raesener called the meeting to order at 5:01 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, Clancy Stephenson and Jerry Drummond. Also present was City Manager Johnnie Thompson, Mike Williams, Flood Plain Administrator and City Secretary Christy Fath. Councilmember Alton Fields was absent.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Jerry Drummond led the Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Linda Wier spoke to council about changing name of golf club back to Meadowlakes Golf course or golf club.
- 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 Hall parking lot and stated that the Water/Wastewater permit expires in 2019. Mr. Thompson updated Council on the holiday schedule stating that the City departments will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that staff would like to take December 26<sup>th</sup> off using their vacation time and field staff will have the option to take off or work. Mr. Thompson stated that the City departments will also be closed on New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>. He announced that the trash pickup will take place on Saturday instead of Friday for both Christmas and New Year's. Mike Williams spoke about the TCEQ samples not being done due to TCEQ mailing the sample requirements to the wrong address. He stated that the samples weren't due until 2018 but TCEQ changed the frequency. He read a notice which will notify residents of the violation and will be sent out with the newsletter tomorrow to recipients of the weekly newsletter. Mayor asked how much the samples cost the City and Mike Williams stated that 10 homes were selected to collect a sample and they cost approximately \$1,000. He discussed the samples frequency, requirements, procedures and the City's responsibilities with the audience and Council.
- VI. CONSENT ITEMS:**
- A.** November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Stated Meeting Minutes –Christy Fath, City Secretary
  - B.** Ordinance Enforcement November 2014 Activity Report – Pat Preston
  - C.** Animal Control November 2014 Activity Report - Robbie Galaway, Officer
  - D.** Patrol Activity November 2014 Report - provided by Meadowlakes Patrol Officers
  - E.** Vandalism/Incident November 2014 Activity Report – Christy Fath, City Secretary

- F. City Building Committee November 2014 Activity Report – Blair Feller, Chairman
- G. Public Works Department November 2014 Activity Report - Mike Williams, PWD
- H. November 2014 Detailed Financials Report - Johnnie Thompson, City Manager

After Council discussion, Councilmember Mike Barry made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Councilmember Jerry Drummond 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.** Johnnie Thompson asked Carolyn Richmond to summarize the report submitted by the committee to the Council. Ms. Richmond discussed the results of the survey and research done by the committee. The committee recommended no change in the current enforcement and for the City to ask the POA to put up more traffic signs. Christine Forsyth thanked the council for getting public input and doesn't feel that Meadowlakes has a need for police department. She stated that more passive speed controls could be used. Larry Upton thanked the committee and Council for their work on the research. He read a Google research on the safety and crime in Meadowlakes. Mr. Upton stated that he prefers the City spend time on getting deputies in the area more often to control the speed. Johnnie Thompson recommended not pursuing the establishment of a police department and forming a committee consisting of the City and Meadowlakes Property Owners Association to review the current level of traffic speed control in the City which includes the traffic enforcement as well as other traffic calming devices. He stated that he and Jim Woods would get together to follow up on the recommendations. Jim Woods suggested a joint committee be formed. Mayor Raesener will get with POA to see what they can do jointly together before the next meeting.

**B. Action/Discussion/Status Update: Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation operations and financial condition.** Barbara Peskin stated she provided the Council with a more detailed summary. Councilmember Clancy Stephenson stated that members are paying the second installment of their dues and discussed the possibility of increasing member dues. He stated that if the PFC proposes to raise dues he wants it to be reviewed by council. MPFC President Larry Upton explained the dues to the Council.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Action/Discussion: Appeal to allow construction of fence at 115 Preston Trail.** Mayor stated that the fence permit application was approved by the building committee at their meeting yesterday. No action taken.
- B. Action/Discussion: Investment of funds and possible principal payment toward the leased purchased water storage tank.** Johnnie Thompson discussed investments, CD's & Governmental pools that can be invested in. He stated that the City can save \$500 a year on the investment. Mr.

Thompson looked at other ways to possibly cut back on costs, such as the loan with the PFC on the water storage tank. He talked about paying more down on the principal. Mr. Thompson suggested no action be taken now and review the loan then take action at that time. Mike Barry stated that he agreed with his suggestion. Johnnie stated that this item would be placed on the February agenda. Barry Cunningham discussed the reserve fund. Johnnie Thompson stated that he can ask the auditor when he comes back and see what he suggests and possibly have a workshop with the auditor. No action taken.

- C. Action/Discussion: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Burnet County for housing of inmates.** Johnnie Thompson discussed the previous agreement with Burnet County. He stated that the current rate is \$48 to \$50 per day. Mr. Thompson recommends that the Mayor and he be authorized to execute the agreement. Councilmember Barry Cunningham made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Burnet County and authorize the Mayor and Johnnie Thompson to execute the agreement. Councilmember Mike Barry seconded the motion. It passed by a unanimous vote of the Councilmembers present.

**IX. COUNCIL & MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A.** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
- B.** Councilmember Clancy Stephenson asked for a new item to be placed on the next agenda about when golf members win and get awards as money or credits. Jeff Wilson said the cash/credit must be spent by end of year. Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Wilson discussed the cash/credit process. Larry Upton stated that the auditor advised them to get those monies closed out by year end and how the book money works. Mayor Raesener said the item sounds like a PFC issue and needs to be placed on their agenda.
- C.** Santa at Club on the 14<sup>th</sup> with lunch - \$8.95 for adults and \$4.95 for children and reservations are required.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Raesener adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**Approved:**

/s/ Mary Ann Raesener                      **Date:** February 10, 2015  
Mayor, Mary Ann Raesener

**Attest:**

/s/ Christy Fath                              **Date:** February 10, 2015  
City Secretary, Christy Fath