

**City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2020 – 6:00pm**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.
Totten Hall, Meadowlakes Municipal Offices
177 Broadmoor Street, Meadowlakes, Texas**

The City Council of the City of Meadowlakes held its Regular Meeting at Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall on December 15, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

Present:

Mark Bentley, Mayor
Jess Lofgreen, Councilmember
Barbara Peskin, Councilmember
Jerry Drummond, Councilmember
Eddie Wise, Councilmember
Gerry Mason, Councilmember

Staff:

Johnnie Thompson, City Manager
Evan Bauer, City Secretary
Debbie Holley, Treasurer

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION.** Mayor Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and announced the presence of a quorum.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER.** Mayor Bentley led Council and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Mason led the Council and guests in prayer.
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS. None**
4. **MONTHLY STANDARD LIVE REPORTS** (*Progress and Status Reports Only.*)
 - A. Operations in general - City Manager Johnnie Thompson
 1. Ordinance and Animal Control Report – In November, our Ordinance/Animal Control Officer responded to 28 calls, issued 75 violation notices, mostly related to visible trash cans, sign ordinance violations, and parking violations. There were 4 warning tickets issued for parking infractions, and 6 warning notices issued: 3 for leaving a trash can out past the allowed time, 2 for allowing a dog to leave the lot line unrestrained and/or a pet not being registered with the city, and 1 for a construction sign being displayed after a CO was issued. There were 2 citations issued; 1 for leaving bulk trash out past the allowed time frame and it not being in containers, and 1 for not having a pet registered with the City. One dead animal was picked up and removed from the city. Two political signs were removed from property within the city.

2. Patrol Activity Report – In November, our patrol officer logged 21 total hours and 105 total miles. He issued 5 citations; 3 for speeding (42, 39, and 38 in a 25 mph zone), and 2 for failure to stop for a school bus loading/unloading. He also issued 8 warnings, and 4 verbal warnings.
3. Building Committee Report – In November, the Building Committee issued 7 building permits total. The permits issued are as follows: 4 fence, 2 flat work and 1 boat dock. Currently, there are 24 ongoing projects within the city.

B. Briefing on Golf and Food & Beverage Operations – Head Golf Pro, David Klotz, briefed council on golf course and restaurant operations. He reported that golf play is still at record high, not just at Hidden Falls, but worldwide. Restaurant operations are going smoothly. Due to COVID, the restaurant doesn't have too many holiday parties on the calendar like in previous years, but dine in and to-go orders are keeping them busy. November was a profitable month for the golfing complex.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS** *(The items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the City Council and may be approved by a single motion of the Council. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by Council; at which time the select item(s) may be discussed separately under consent items and separate motion(s)).*

- A. Minutes of the prior Council Meetings/Workshops
- B. November 2020 Financial Reports

After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mason and carried with a unanimous vote. After discussion, Councilmember Peskin made a motion to approve the November 2020 financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried with a unanimous vote.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

A. Discussion/Action: Moving Council meetings to the restaurant building and associated costs.

Mr. Thompson informed council that after further research was done, it would cost between \$2700-\$3250 to move the council meetings to the restaurant. There would have to be additional sound equipment purchased, new microphones, tv equipment, etc. Discussion was held regarding the number of citizens the current space could accommodate; based on the average number who attended pre-COVID, it was determined the current space would be sufficient. After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to keep the council meetings at City Hall until further notice. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mason and carried unanimously.

- B. Update on COVID-19.** Mr. Thompson reported that the vaccine is already in Austin. We are uncertain as to when it will make it to Burnet County and become available to the general public. Since November 14th, there have been 532 probable COVID cases reported, and currently there are 300 active COVID cases in the county, with 4 additional deaths being reported. There have been 19,717 COVID tests given in Burnet County, 5,500 of those were

within the last month. The number of COVID cases continues to rise in the state.

C. Discussion: Appointment of Committee to Review Golf Shop and Restaurant Retail Operations.

Mayor Bentley informed council that this committee has met on one occasion to discuss operations. The committee consists of Chairman Bill Raman, Tillie Harmon, Dottie Stueckroth, Carolyn Reiley, David Schwarte, John Russo, Keith Nesrsta, Kara Haggart, and Dave Sweigart, along with two alternates – Kathy Nichols and Larry Grady. At their first meeting, the committee discussed short term/long term ideas and solutions, along with the possibility of surveying the neighborhood to get information about what residents want regarding the restaurant/golf course.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2020-07 - Appointment of members to the Meadowlakes Building Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission and the Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation. On October 31st, the terms of several members of the Building Committee and Planning and Zoning Commission expired, however, these members can continue to serve until they are reappointed, or replaced, even if their term has expired. Seeking reappointment on the Building Committee are Chairman Steve Nash and Committee member Bob Powers. Seeking reappointment on the Planning and Zoning Commission are members Larry Latshaw and Katherine Zimmerman. There were no new applicants for the Building Committee or the Planning and Zoning Commission. The PFC was created in 2009 in order to operate the City's municipal golf complex. The PFC operated the complex until 2015, and then the City assumed operations. The intent of the City was to dissolve the PFC, however, due to complications with the transfer with the alcohol license, that did not happen. The City then decided to amend the bylaws of the PFC and reduce the number of members on the Board of Directors from 5 to 3. Currently, only two members of the Board are residents of the City. Resolution 2020-07 appoints two new members, as well as Mr. Thompson, who is currently on the Board as the Secretary/Treasurer. After discussion, Councilmember Peskin made a motion to reappoint/appoint members to the Building Committee, Planning and Zoning, and Public Facility Corporation as follows:

Building Committee:

Bob Powers – Place 2, Term 11/01/2020 to 10/31/2022

Steve Nash (Chairman) – Place 4, Term 11/01/2020 to 10/31/2022

Planning and Zoning:

Katherine Zimmerman – Place 2, Term 11/01/2020 to 10/31/2022

Larry Latshaw – Place 4, Term 11/01/2020 to 10/31/2022

Public Facilities Corporation:

Jess Lofgreen – Chairman

Eddie Wise – Vice Chair

Johnnie Thompson – Secretary/Treasurer

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mason and carried unanimously.

B. Discussion: Update on May 2021 election. The City Secretary informed Council that the filing dates for the May 2021 General Election are January 13th through February 12th. The Councilmembers who's terms will expire in May are Councilmembers Peskin, Wise, and Mason. (Places 2, 4, and 5).

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Thompson announced that the second round of leaf pick up is scheduled to begin on December 29th, weather permitting. He also informed council that our second patrol officer will be starting soon. He will be patrolling evenings and overnight in Meadowlakes.

The next City Council meeting will be held January 19, 2020.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Bentley adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mark Bentley

Date: December 8, 2020

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: December 8, 2020