

City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2020 – 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 18, 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 July 21, 2020, beginning at 6:00p.m. in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION.** Mayor Raesener called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and announced the presence of a quorum.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER.** Mayor Raesener led Council and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Mason led the Council and guests in prayer.
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Resident Georgina Christy requested that council discuss implementing a curfew in Meadowlakes due to recent vandalism and suspicious activity in the neighborhood and asked council to discuss the possibility of arranging for an officer to patrol during the nighttime hours. She also asked about the City working with the POA regarding people entering the gate and how to better control outsiders entering the City, preparing an ordinance regarding the consumption of alcohol at the Lakeside Pavilion, and having access to the boat ramp be for Meadowlakes residence and their guests only.

Resident Christine Forsyth requested that, in light of the recent problems that have been going on, the patrolling be between 3-4 deputies so that they can randomly cover the times we need. Also, Mrs. Forsyth asked council to consider discontinuing the annual leaf collection project due to it costing the City more than \$50,000.

- 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 July, our Ordinance/Animal Control Officer responded to 34 calls, issued 76 violation notices, mostly related to visible trash cans, parking infractions, and tree overhang. There were 6 warning tickets issued for parking infractions, and 8 warning notices issued for parking infractions of a boat/jet ski/trailer, allowing a dog to leave the lot line unrestrained, an unregistered pet, and a visible trash can. He also removed 3 dead animals from the City.
 2. Patrol Activity Report – In July, our patrol officer logged 65 total hours and 232 total miles. He issued 3 citations; one for running a stop sign, and two for speeding (36/25mph zone). He gave one written and four verbal warnings.
 3. Building Committee Report – July was a busy month for the Building Committee with 13 permits issued. Of those permits issued, 5 were for new construction at the following

addresses:
45 & 47 Augusta
314 & 316 Firestone
368 Firestone

B. Briefing on Golf and Food & Beverage Operations – Head Golf Pro, David Klotz, briefed council on golf and food and beverage operations. Hidden Falls is having constant play and had 300 rounds of golf last weekend, but with school starting soon, play will start to go down. Mr. Klotz also reported that Hidden Falls will be overseeding the fairways in the winter due to the generosity of the golfers and residence of Meadowlakes who donated the entire cost of the project. Hidden Falls will be one of the few courses in the area to have green fairways during the winter and early spring months.

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. July 2020 Financial Statements

After discussion, Councilmember Peskin made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mason and carried with a unanimous vote.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

A. Discussion/Action: Update on COVID – 19 and Related Disaster Declaration. Mr. Thompson reported that to date, there have been over 10,000 deaths due to COVID, 11 of those were from Burnet County. The numbers are beginning to decline. Mayor Raesener’s disaster declaration is still in effect.

B. Discussion/Action: Authorizing the City Manager to extend the existing Contract with Republic Services, later assumed by Waste Management of Texas, for solid waste collection within the City for one additional year per the terms and conditions of said contract. At the council meeting in July, discussion was held regarding entering into another 3 year contract with Waste Management of Texas for solid waste collection within Meadowlakes. A draft contract was received from them earlier in the week, however, due to time constraints, a final copy was not ready in time for consideration at the council meeting. Mr. Thompson informed council that there are provisions in the existing contract that allow the city to extend the contract for two additional one – year terms. If council chooses to do this, Waste Management must be notified by September 1st. Mr. Thompson requested authorization from council to extend the existing contract for an additional 1 – year term which will give staff and legal time to work through the details of the new three year contract.

C. Discussion/Action: Clarification on establishment of proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2020.

At the July 28th budget workshop, a motion was made that established the proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2020 at \$0.287. However, this motion failed to provide the breakdown of this rate. The ad valorem tax rate is two rates; one establishes income for maintenance and operation (General Fund), and the other rate generates income to meet the debt service requirements. The failure to breakdown the rates should not affect the proposed budget as filed, however, it is needed to for the required public notice and public hearing. Listed below is the breakdown of the proposed ad valorem tax rate:

	Rate	Income Generated
Maintenance and Operation	\$0.1569	\$448,225
Debt Service	\$0.1301	\$372,000
Total	\$0.287	\$820,220

After discussion, Councilmember Mason made the following motion:

I move to clarify that the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.287 per \$100 taxable valuation for 2020 as established at the Council's July 28, 2020, be broken out to reflect a rate of \$0.1569 for Maintenance and Operational purposes and \$0.1301 for Debt Service purposes.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried with a unanimous vote.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Discussion/Action: ORDINANCE 2020-05 AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Due to the withdrawal of Susan Bailey from the position of Mayor, and Chris Decker from Council Place 3, we are able to cancel the November 3rd general election since there are no other contested positions. Candidate for Council Place 1, Jess Lofgreen, is running unopposed. All candidates will be sworn into office after the November 3rd election. After discussion, Councilmember Mason made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-05 cancelling the November 3rd election and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried unanimously.

B. Discussion/Action: Application for a variance on lot 1052 by Bruce Kunz, San Gabriel Builders.

This lot is on the corner of Turkey Run and Wichita and requested a variance on both streets. The Building Committee recommended approval of the variance application at their August 10th meeting. Mr. Thompson recommended that council send this application back to the Building Committee for review due to the fact that the home will only be 13 feet from the property line on Turkey Run. After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to send the application for a variance back to the Building Committee for further discussion/review. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mason and carried unanimously.

C. Discussion/Action: Granting a waiver to Section 30-4 to allow a boat dock to be built at 339 Meadowlakes Drive, which is within the 200-foot restricted zone of the City's raw water intake.

In December of 2019, the owner of this property requested a waiver to Section 30-4 of Ordinance 2017-01 so that a boat dock could be built on the property at 339 Meadowlakes Dr. This request was denied by council due to the fact that this property is within the 200-foot restricted zone of the raw water intake and granting the waiver would be in direct violation of state law. Since then, the homeowner has retained new legal representation and is once again requesting a waiver to the city's ordinance so that a boat dock can be built on the property. This agenda item was tabled due to the fact that council did not have adequate time to review the city's legal council's recommendation regarding the granting of the waiver.

D. **Action/Discussion: Mayor's appointment of a committee to review restaurant and golf shop retail operations.** After a brief discussion, Mayor Raesener decided it would be best to let the new Mayor, Mark Bentley, appoint this committee after he is sworn into office in November. This agenda item was tabled.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next City Council meeting will be held September 15, 2020.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Raesener adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mary Ann Raesener

Date: September 4, 2020

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: September 4, 2020