

**City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2020 – 6:00pm**

**Tuesday, October 20, 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 October 20, 2020, beginning at 6:00p.m. in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

Present:

Mary Ann Raesener, Mayor
Mike Barry, Councilmember
Barbara Peskin, Councilmember
Jerry Drummond, Councilmember
Eddie Wise, Councilmember
Gerry Mason, Councilmember

Staff:

Johnnie Thompson, City Manager
Evan Bauer, City Secretary

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 Heather Selepec addressed council via phone and spoke about neighborhood speeding and how it is an ongoing problem. There are so many children and families who walk/ride bikes and enjoy the neighborhood and Ms. Selepec is concerned for their safety. She would like council to consider possibly installing additional speed bumps or speed limit signs within the City, or increasing patrolling within Meadowlakes.

Mayor-elect, Mark Bentley, introduced himself to the citizens of Meadowlakes. Mr. Bentley has been a resident of this city for five years and before that, Houston for over thirty years. Having attended the budget workshops over the summer in preparation of the adoption of the FY21 budget, Mr. Bentley is very familiar with the city's financial status. He is looking forward to working with council and the citizens of Meadowlakes to remedy several issues the city is facing such as the status of the restaurant and golf course, as well as security/law enforcement within the city.

Resident Georgina Christy emailed her comments to the City Secretary and they were read aloud. Ms. Christy addressed the proposed contract with Waste Management. Waste Management will be

replacing all garbage and recycling containers with new ones early next year and Ms. Christy wanted to make sure that all residents will be able to get the same size new container as their old one. She also wanted to make sure that the VIP service would still be available to those residents who are not able to pull their containers to their curb for servicing. Ms. Christy suggested it might be a good idea to include the contract in the city's weekly newsletter so it can be easily examined by residents.

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 September, our Ordinance/Animal Control Officer responded to 29 calls, issued 79 violation notices, mostly related to visible trash cans, sign ordinance violations, and tree overhang. There were 12 warning tickets issued for parking infractions, and 8 warning notices issued: 3 for parking a trailer on a lot or in a drive for over 3 days in 7 or over 7 days in 30, 2 for allowing a dog to leave the lot line unrestrained and not being registered with the City, and 3 for leaving a trash can out past the allowed timeframe. Six dead animals were picked up and removed from the city, 2 of them were skunks. One political sign was removed from the city's right of way. One loose dog was caught and returned to its owner, and one stop work order was issued per the city's request.
2. Patrol Activity Report – In September, our patrol officer logged 66 total hours and 277 total miles. He issued 5 citations: one for passing a school bus, one for no DL, two for speeding (36 & 40 in a 25 mph zone) and one for running a stop sign. He also gave 4 verbal warnings.
3. Building Committee Report – In September, The Building Committee issued 6 building permits total. There were 5 fence permits issued and 1 pool permit issued. There was also 1 variance granted at 368 Firestone Dr.

B. Briefing on Golf and Food & Beverage Operations – Head Golf Pro, David Klotz, briefed council on golf course and restaurant operations. He informed council that the greens and tee boxes are completely overseeded and about upcoming tournaments such as the Marble Falls High School tournament, the WGA, and the Marble Falls invitational. The staff at the restaurant has been busy with various private parties and will begin planning for Thanksgiving.

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

After discussion, Councilmember Peskin made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise 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 are 99 active COVID-19 cases in the county, with 12 deaths reported. The county is offering free testing at the Marble Falls Fire Station every Wednesday from 9am-1pm. You do not have to be experiencing any symptoms or have a note from your doctor. Mayor Raesener’s disaster declaration is still in effect, and at the November council meeting, Mark Bentley, as the new Mayor, will be asked to sign a new disaster declaration.
- B. Update on financing of golf course maintenance equipment.** Mr. Thompson informed council that the equipment was funded today with an interest rate of 2.64%. The expected delivery of the funds was not known but are anticipated by October 22nd.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Discussion/Action: Application for a variance to the front setback on lot 892, 368 Firestone Dr. by owner Ted Hagerty.** Mr. Hagerty, the owner/builder of the new construction on this lot is requesting a side setback variance. This application was previously reviewed by the Building Committee and they recommended the Council approval the requested variance. After discussion, Councilmember Mason made a motion to approve the application for a variance on lot 892 as addressed in the attach document. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried unanimously.
- B. Discussion/Action: Contract with Waste Management of Texas for solid waste collection within the City.** Mr. Thompson reported that this is a three-year contract with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms. This contract is very similar to our existing contract. The new contract provides for a 3% increase in rates per year, including each of the two optional one year extensions, as well as the replacement of all trash and recycle totes with like new ones. After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to approve the contract with Waste Management as presented, pending final approval by the city’s legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried with votes from Councilmembers Barry and Mason. Councilmember Drummond was opposed.
- C. Discussion: Installation of propane tanks within the City.** An ordinance of the city was recently challenged regarding propane tanks. The Building Committee has the authority to permit propane tanks to be buried, and the city’s ordinance only allows for a maximum of two-30lb tanks to be stored above ground. After consulting with legal, it was determined that the Texas Railroad Commission which regulates storage of propane within the State would preempt the City from enforcing the provision of the Code of Ordinances related to storage of propane within the City. Mr. Thompson reported that we have forwarded this information to the POA since the POA’s CC&Rs addresses above ground propane tanks, they would have jurisdiction regarding the issue.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next City Council meeting will be held November 17, 2020.

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Raesener adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mark Bentley

Date: November 4, 2020

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: November 4, 2020