

City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021 – 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 - 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 January 19, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

Present:

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

Absent:

Barbara Peskin, 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 December, our Ordinance/Animal Control Officer responded to 33 calls, issued 51 violation notices, mostly related to visible trash cans, sign ordinance violations, and parking violations. There were 5 warning tickets issued for parking infractions and 11 warning notices issued: 2 for leaving a trash can out past the allowed time, 1 for allowing a dog to leave the lot line unrestrained, 4 for political signs being displayed past allowed timeframe, 2 for parking a trailer on lot or drive over 3 days in 7, and 2 for having a basketball goal in the City ROW. Two dead animals were picked up and removed from the city. One animal (fox) was submitted for rabies testing; it came back

positive and the City was advised to issue a rabies alert.

2. Patrol Activity Report – In December, our patrol officer logged 70 total hours and 260 total miles. He issued 2 citations; both for speeding (37 and 42 in a 25 mph zone). He also issued 9 verbal warnings.
3. Building Committee Report – In December, the Building Committee issued 1 building permit total. The permit issued was for a fence. Currently, there are 20 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. Due to increased golf play, Mr. Klotz looked into the possibility of obtaining about 5-10 additional golf carts, however, there is no possibility of doing so anytime soon. The wait list begins in August. He also reported that he will be hosting the MFHS UIL tournament this weekend.

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. December 2020 Financial Reports

After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve the December consent items as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Update on COVID-19. Mr. Thompson reported that on January 5th, the Governor extended the Open Meetings Act suspension for an additional 30 days. This is part of the original declaration that allows entities to have meetings closed if they choose to. Our council meetings have recently opened to the public with limited seating. On January 10th, Burnet County was notified that the Trauma Service Area (TSA) in which it is located, was deemed an area with high hospitalizations, which triggers additional restrictions reducing restaurant capacity to 50% and cancellation of elective surgeries. This will remain in place until our TSA area has experienced seven consecutive days in which COVID-19 hospitalizations, as a percentage of total hospital capacity, has dropped to 15% or less. Over the last 7 days in Burnet County, there have been 91 new COVID cases reported, and to date, there have been 34 deaths. City Hall will remain closed to the public during business hours to protect the employees, as well as the public. Mayor Bentley gave a presentation discussing the COVID vaccine. This presentation can be viewed on the City's Facebook page, or a copy can be emailed to you upon request.

B. Discussion: Appointment of Committee to Review Golf Shop and Restaurant Retail Operations. Mayor Bentley reported that the committee is meeting several times per month to discuss the swimming pool, tennis courts, golf course and restaurant. They have also discussed surveying the citizens of Meadowlakes to get input/suggestions regarding possible improvements to these facilities. Mayor Bentley expressed his desire to enhance the resident

participation in whatever surveys are used recognizing that typically surveys net only about 10-15% participation rates.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Discussion/Action: Discussion and possible action on appointing the City's representative to the Central Texas Water Coalition. The City joined the Central Texas Water Coalition in February of 2019 as a result of the flood in October of 2018. At that time, Mayor Bentley was appointed as the City's representative for a two year term. If reappointed, he requests a term of one year. After discussion, Councilmember Mason made a motion to reappoint Mayor Bentley as the City's representative to the Central Texas Water Coalition for a term of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Thompson reported that the new patrol deputy has been hired and will begin working evening and night shifts. Also, our Animal Control Officer, Pat Preston, has resigned. He will continue working as Ordinance Officer. The city is currently accepting applications for his replacement.

The next City Council meeting will be held February 16, 2021.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Bentley adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mark Bentley

Date: February 4, 2021

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: February 4, 2021