

**City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021 – 6:00pm**

**Tuesday, March 16, 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 March 16, 2021, 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
David Klotz, Golf Pro

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. Georgina Christy 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 February, our Ordinance/Animal Control Officer responded to 19 calls, issued 75 violation notices, mostly related to visible trash cans and parking violations. There were 8 warning tickets issued for parking infractions and 6 warning notices issued: 2 for parking a trailer on a lot or parking a vehicle on the street over 3 days in 7; 3 for a sign ordinance violation; 1 for burning trash within the city. One citation was issued for a sign ordinance violation. Three dead animals were picked up and removed from the city. One animal was submitted for rabies testing; it came back positive.
 2. Patrol Activity Report – In February, officers Koenning and Ciolfi logged a total of 27 hours and 68 total miles. There were no citations or warnings issued by either officer.

3. Building Committee Report – In February, the Building Committee did not meet due to lack of agenda items; no permits were issued. Currently, there are 15 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. The new push carts that the golf course received last month are renting out every day; these were a great asset due to the increase in golfers. Also, Mr. Klotz reported that the drone coverage for the golf course will take place within the next couple of weeks. This will be used for the course’s new website. Business at the restaurant is picking up; staff has several parties booked in the upcoming weeks.

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. February 2021 Financial Reports

After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve the February minutes and March 8th Special Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously. After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to approve the February 2021 financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond and carried unanimously.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

A. **Update on COVID-19.** Mr. Thompson reported that statewide, cases of the Corona virus continue to decline, and in Burnet County, cases have drastically declined over the past month.

B. **Discussion: Appointment of Committee to Review Golf Shop and Restaurant Retail Operations.** Committee Chairman, Bill Raman, discussed a few things that are on the horizon regarding the outlook of the golf shop, restaurant, pool & tennis courts. There is a survey/questionnaire that his committee has been working on and is expected to be mailed out within the next couple of weeks for the purpose of obtaining the community’s input and opinion as far as what they would like to see happen with the operation as a whole. Mr. Raman discussed getting the pool surveyed in order to make improvements, converting one of the tennis courts into a pickle ball court, as well as resurfacing the tennis courts. The committee continues to meet on a regular basis.

C. **Discussion/Action: Participating in cost sharing with the City of Marble Falls in costs associated with the construction of a bridge over Backbone Creek.** Last month, the Cities of Meadowlakes and Marble Falls held a Special Meeting to discuss cost sharing of the proposed bridge over Backbone Creek on Avenue N. The proposed bridge would be 15 feet higher than the current crossing, and about 780 feet long. Initially, Marble Falls requested a 50/50 cost share with Meadowlakes. No action was taken at that meeting. Since then, Mayor Bentley researched

and created an alternative cost sharing proposal that was distributed to council and guests. There were three factors, or metrics, that he examined of each city; their General Fund budget, vehicle use of the bridge, and the populations. The total cost of the bridge will be approximately \$354,515.00, and based on these numbers, the proposed cost that Meadowlakes would be responsible for is \$57,631.97. This is a breakdown of \$2,881.60 per year, over the course of 20 years at 0% interest. Payments to the City of Marble Falls would begin in Fiscal Year 2022. After discussion, Councilmember Peskin made a motion to approve the proposal for cost sharing as presented, with an amendment to her motion that the Meadowlakes portion be used for the specific purpose of building the proposed bridge. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wood and carried with a vote from Councilmember Lofgreen. Councilmember Drummond abstained and Councilmember Wise was opposed.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2021-02 - Appointment of Councilmember to fill the vacated Place 5 seat.** Due to Gerry Mason's resignation from Council last month to take the Animal Control Officer position, the remaining Councilmembers may appoint someone to fill his seat for the remainder of the term, which expires in May of 2021. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 which appoints Garrett Wood to fill the vacated Place 5 council position for the remainder of the term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond and carried unanimously.
- B. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2021-03 – Cancelling the May 1, 2021 Election.** There are no opposed candidates for the May 2021 election. Councilmember Wise made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 which cancels the May 2021 general election and declares each unopposed candidate elected to office. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond and carried unanimously.
- C. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2021-04 – Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Audit.** Mr. Keith Neffendorf, from the firm of Neffendorf and Blocker, P.C., was present to review the audit with council and stated that the City received a completely clean, unqualified audit with no deficiencies. After discussion, Councilmember Drummond made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04, which adopts the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously.
- D. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2021-05 – Review and possible re-adoption of the City's Investment Policy.** Texas Government Code requires the City to adopt an investment policy annually. The proposed policy is identical to the City's current policy. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 which re-adopts the City's investment policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously.
- E. Discussion/Action: "Deliberation of and Consultation with City Attorney pertaining to real property near Hidden Falls Golf Course. Deliberations about Real Property, 551.072; Consultation with City Attorney, 551.071"** Mayor Bentley adjourned Council into closed session at 7:17pm. Council reconvened into open session at 8:05pm. Councilmember Drummond made a motion to give negotiating authority to Mayor Bentley, City Manager Johnnie Thompson, Councilmember Garrett Wood and Bill Raman regarding leasing property near Hidden Falls Golf

Course. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously.

- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Thompson announce that Waste Management will begin changing out residents' garbage and recycle containers with new ones beginning April 2nd. Also, the new Animal Control Officer began working the first of March.

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

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Bentley adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mark Bentley

Date: April 8, 2021

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: April 8, 2021