

**City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2021 – 6:00pm**

**Tuesday, February 23, 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 February 23, 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

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.**
Councilmember Lofgreen expressed his gratitude to city employees, as well as Johnnie Thompson, for their dedication and hard work during the winter storm.
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 January, our Ordinance/Animal Control Officer responded to 41 calls, issued 92 violation notices, mostly related to visible trash cans, sign ordinance violations, and parking violations. There were 10 warning tickets issued for parking infractions and 12 warning notices issued: 3 for parking a trailer or RV on a drive over 3 days, 7 for having a pet not registered with the City, 1 for having a trash can visible from the street, and 1 for having a political sign displayed past the allowed timeframe. Two dead animals were picked up and removed from the city. Two animals were submitted for rabies testing; both came back positive.

2. Patrol Activity Report – In January, officers Koenning and Ciolfi logged a total of 50 hours and 159 total miles. Officer Koenning issued 1 citation for running a stop sign. He also issued 5 verbal warnings. There were no citations or warnings issued by officer Ciolfi.
3. Building Committee Report – In January, the Building Committee issued 3 building permits. The permits issued were for a fence, a swimming pool, and a new construction at 118 Preston Trail. Currently, there are 19 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 the winter storm the previous week, staff will need to evaluate the condition of the golf course before play will be allowed. The golf course maintenance crew have started clearing brush and broken limbs from trees that sustained damage from the storm. The golf course and restaurant remained closed during the storm, however, the restaurant was able to open for one day and staff came in and prepared meals for about 150 first responders in the area, as well as city staff. Mr. Klotz also informed council that GolfNow is going to be redoing the website for the golf course; that includes obtaining drone footage of the course which is scheduled to be done the second week in March.

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. January 2021 Financial Reports

After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mason and carried unanimously. After discussion, Councilmember Mason made a motion to approve the January 2021 financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lofgreen and carried unanimously.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

A. **Update on COVID-19.** Mr. Thompson reported that statewide, cases of the Corona virus are down 47% and there have been 4 deaths reported in the county within the past three weeks. Overall, COVID appears to be on a downward trend.

B. **Discussion: Appointment of Committee to Review Golf Shop and Restaurant Retail Operations.** Bill Raman, chairman of this committee, was present and discussed restaurant losses and the steps that must be taken in order to overcome those losses. Mr. Raman discussed the committee's ideas, one of them being to enhance the appearance of the restaurant. Another idea is altering the hours of operation a bit to possibly coincide with the hours of the golf course in order to accommodate the golfers. The committee is looking at changing the current menu as well as adding a playscape so that parents can enjoy their meal while their kids play.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Discussion/Action: Drainage issue between 1 Fairway Ln. and 215 Meadowlakes Dr. Mr.

Thompson briefed council regarding the drainage issue. Between these two houses, there is grass-lined drainage way. The drainage area served by this drainage way encompasses about 3-5 acres of golf course property. Mr. Thompson has met with both homeowners on either side of this drainage way to discuss their observations during heavy rain events. This area is not adequate to handle the volume of water being drained from the golf course, so Mr. Thompson has researched some options to rectify the problem. In his opinion, he feels that a 7 foot flat interior ditch with 1 foot walls will be the best option. The proposed cost for this project is \$15,000, with funding coming from the General Fund. After discussion, Councilmember Mason made a motion to approve this project as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise, and carried unanimously. Councilmember Lofgreen abstained due to the fact that his house is affected by this drainage way.

B. Discussion related to Disaster Declaration regarding the winter storm of 2021. Mr. Thompson gave a power point presentation relating to the winter storm. Snow fall totaled 4.5” and we encountered rolling blackouts in the area, however, many homes in Meadowlakes were without power for over 30 hours. Governor Abbot issued a Disaster Declaration for all counties in Texas on February 12th, County Judge Oakley issued a Disaster Declaration for Burnet County on February 13th, and Mayor Bentley issued a local Disaster Declaration on February 15th. In order to minimize damage, all Public Works employees made sure all City vehicles, equipment, and generators were full of fuel and that all spare gas cans were full as well. 24-hour watch began on Tuesday night and continued during the duration of the storm. Due to the hard work of the Public Works employees, our water system remained safe and operational during the storm.

C. Discussion/Action: Possible purchase of used golf carts and related financing. Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, golf play has increased considerably. Head Golf Pro, David Klotz, has mentioned, at previous council meetings, that due to increased play, the golf course would benefit from a few additional golf carts. Yamaha contacted Mr. Klotz and said they had 10 carts available, which would bring our existing fleet to 50 carts. The cost per cart is \$4,300, and they would be available next month. Per Local Government Code, the City may purchase the carts without going through any special notice or bidding procedure because the cost would be under \$50,000. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made the following motion:

I authorize the City Manager to purchase up to 10 used golf carts at an estimated cost of approximately \$4,300 each. That funding for the purchase of said golf carts shall be derived from a three-year non-interest-bearing loan to the Recreation Fund from the General Fund with the following payments.

Fiscal Year 2021	\$600 per month	\$4,200
Fiscal Year 2022	\$600 per month	\$7,200
Fiscal Year 2023	\$2,634 per month	\$31,600
	Total	\$43,000

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously.

D. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2021-01 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWLAKES CALLING FOR AND ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD

ON MAY 1, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR TWO (2) YEAR TERMS EACH; PROVIDING FOR CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolution 2021-01 addresses the May 1st, 2021 General election in which three Councilmembers will be elected. The positions that you will be electing for are Councilmember Peskin (Place 2), Councilmember Wise (Place 4), and Councilmember Mason (Place 5). Councilmembers Peskin and Wise are running unopposed. Councilmember Mason has an Opponent, Mr. Garrett Wood. After Discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lofgreen and carried unanimously.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Mason announced that he would be resigning from his place on council effective immediately to accept the position of Animal Control Officer for the City of Meadowlakes. This leaves Garrett Wood, candidate for Place 5 unopposed; Mr. Wood was asked to introduce himself to council and guests.

Council will be holding a Special meeting on March 9th, 2021 at 6pm at the Meadowlakes Restaurant to discuss the Avenue N bridge project with the City of Marble Falls.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Bentley adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mark Bentley

Date: March 9, 2021

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: March 9, 2021