

**City of Meadowlakes
City Council Called Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:

Mayor John Aaron called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. declaring that the required quorum was present at the Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall, 177 Broadmoor, Meadowlakes, Texas. Members present were: Mayor John Aaron, and council members Christine Forsyth, Bill Pickard, Joe Summers, and Laird Landis. Also present were City Administrator Johnnie Thompson, City Secretary Linda Wendling, and City Treasurer Eileen Harrison. Councilmember Camille Sweigart was not in attendance.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. Mayor Aaron opened the floor for discussion and upon receiving none moved forward with the agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2008-26, Utility Fund loan to RCC Fund in the amount of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000.00) and establishing repayment thereof – Aaron (Attachment A)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by providing a summary of its purpose and origination and provided explanation of each section of said ordinance.

Council discussion ensued; highlighting accounting transactions between the funds and real time redlines. Councilmember Summers made a motion to accept the ordinance as written with the real time redlines as discussed and waive the second reading. Councilmember Landis seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the council members present.

B. Action/discussion: on FY 2008/2009 contracts/services – Aaron
i.) Animal Control Officer (Attachment B)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating that it is the same contract as last year except it includes an increase of \$100.00 per month, \$1,200 per year.

Council discussion ensued in relation to redlines. Councilmember Landis made a motion to accept the agreement for Robbie Galaway with the real time redline as discussed. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. Audience discussion ensued. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

ii.) Fire – Marble Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (Attachment C)

Mr. Thompson introduced this item by summarizing his recent discussions with the Volunteer Fire Department and employees thereof. Mayor Aaron stated he utilized last year's contract and highlighted the changes made for the 2009 contract. Council discussion ensued including one redline for FY2009 instead of FY2008. Mayor Aaron recommended that the Council accept the contract as written, and then bring before our legal attorneys and forward to the VFD for negotiations with any changes of significance to be brought back to council.

Councilmember Landis made a motion to accept the contract with the one redline as discussed. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued with the understanding that if the VFD accepts the contract

as is, it is adopted; however, if there are significant changes then it will be brought back before council for additional approval. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

iii) P.O.A. Contract (Attachment D & E)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by providing a summary of the proposed equipment donation and the ten (10) year contract. Mayor Aaron stated that this proposal was discussed with POA representatives, Barney Knight & Associates, Sheila Limon, and Richard Evans of TML's Inter-agency Risk Pool. Mayor Aaron then provided background information as to possible problems which may be incurred if the City became over entangled with the POA's functions, referring to Attachment E. Council and audience discussion ensued throughout the review of Attachment E.

Councilmember Pickard made a motion that subject to satisfactory review of policy coverage details, we increase liability coverage to \$10M with a \$1,000 deductible and that the POA bear 50% of the cost increase of the liability coverage as part of successful re-negotiation of the contract to provide mowing services using city employees. Councilmember Landis seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present. Additional council discussion ensued and the council confirmed to move forward with the current POA contract as-is on a month-to-month basis. Councilmember Pickard made a motion to move forward with the current contract for one month. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

C. Action/discussion: Ratification of the portion of the FY 2008/2009 budget reflecting an increase in property tax revenues – Aaron.

(Attachment F) Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating the meetings and actions which have taken place. Mr. Thompson introduced this item by reviewing each item that required changes since the budget was delivered to the City Secretary. Council and audience discussion ensued throughout. Mayor Aaron read Attachment I to the meeting members and guests before adjournment of the meeting.

D. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2008-24, Adoption of the FY 2009 budget – Aaron (Attachment G)

This ordinance was introduced during the above discussion. Councilmember Landis made a motion to adopt 2008-24 as presented and waive the second reading. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

E. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2008-25, Levying & ratification of the 2008 Tax Rate (Attachment H)

Mayor Aaron opened the floor for discussion and real time redlines were discussed. Councilmember Forsyth made a motion that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .299. She further moved that we adopt Ordinance 2008-25 as written including real time redlines of the Councilmember's names that made the motion and the second, and waive the second reading. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. Audience discussion ensued. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the council members present.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Landis made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Approved:

/s/ John Aaron _____ **Date: 9/29/08**
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Linda A. Wendling _____ **Date: 9/29/08**
City Secretary