

**City of Meadowlakes  
City Council Called Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2008**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION:**

Mayor John Aaron called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.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 Camille Sweigart. Also present were City Administrator Johnnie Thompson, City Secretary Linda Wendling, and City Treasurer Eileen Harrison. Councilmember Landis was not in attendance.

Mayor Aaron made an agenda amendment whereby moving Item VII, F to follow Item VII, B.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:**

Councilmember Pickard led the meeting members and guests in prayer. Councilmember Summers led the meeting members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. STANDARD LIVE REPORTS:**

**A. General Fund Line Item Transfers - Eileen Harrison, Treasurer -**

Mrs. Harrison requested one line item transfer of \$3, 600 from the contingency fund to the insurance cost center, which will bring the expenditures inline with the budget. Councilmember Pickard made a motion to accept the line item transfer as presented. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members.

**B. Utility & RCC Line Item Transfers - Johnnie Thompson, City Administrator -** Mr. Thompson had no line item transfers to present.

**C. City Administrator Activity Report- Johnnie Thompson, City Administrator -** (Attachment A) Mr. Thompson provided his report; highlighting upcoming preventative maintenance which will include sewer system inspections and smoke testing, overall operations, mixed beverage license, and the tennis court contract.

**D. POA Activity Report - Don Williams, President** (Attachment B)

Mr. Williams provided his report; highlighting recent elections with a 60% voter turnout, named the newly elected members and their respective positions, continuing work on the POA contract with the City, editor vacancy for the POA newsletter, and a newly established "heavy vehicle fee" of \$350 for new construction per building permit.

**E. Hidden Falls Activity Report - Charlie Mabie, Director of Golf**

(Attachment C & D) Mr. Thompson provided Mr. Mabie's report; highlighting Mr. Mabie's recent resignation and outlined the current membership figures by class. Mayor Aaron read the resignation letter into record.

**F. Hidden Falls Golf Course Policy Oversight Committee (POC) Activity Report - Dale Fixsen, Chairperson -** (Attachment E)

Mr. Fixsen provided his report; highlighting recently held meetings, an upcoming dinner-dance social, promotions, letters provided to the POC from residents, and an upcoming town

hall meeting of the POC on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at 2:00 p.m. Council and audience discussion ensued.

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- A. September 9, 2008 - Stated Meeting Minutes** (Attachment F)
- B. September 19, 2008 - Tax Hearing Meeting Minutes** (Attachment G)
- C. September 23, 2008 - Called Tax & Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes** (Attachment H)
- D. Ordinance Enforcement Sept. Activity Report - Harvey Raschke, Officer** (Attachment I)
- E. Animal Control September Activity Report - Robbie Galaway, Officer** (Attachment J)
- F. City Building Committee September Activity Report - Blair Feller, Chairman** (Attachment K)
- G. General Fund September Financials Report- Eileen Harrison, Treasurer** (Attachment L)
- H. Utility & RCC Sept. Financials Report- Johnnie Thompson, City Admin.** (Attachment M through O)

Councilmember Forsyth made a motion to accept the consent items as presented. Councilmember Sweigart seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members.

**V. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** (Limited to 15 minutes total on general subjects and agenda items. Agenda Item specific comments may also be made part of agenda item council discussion.)

- A.** Resident Franzella Jones voiced her dissatisfaction that the budget workshops were held on a Tuesday morning. Ms. Jones further requested that future council meetings not be scheduled on Tuesday mornings due to women's golf.
- B.** Resident Herb Lewis requested that Meadowlakes once again approve the CASA 5K run which had to be rescheduled due to a hurricane threat.
- C.** Resident Doug Moore announced that he is offering a \$1,000 reward for any information leading to the apprehension and prosecution of the individual(s) that are responsible for entering his yard to steal and cause damage to his signs and ornamental yard art.
- D.** Resident Kelly Ekwurzel stated that there will be a Veteran's Day Parade beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at the Johnson Park; in addition there will be a dedication to take place afterwards at the Johnson Park.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Action/discussion: Renewal of POA Contract - Thompson**

(Attachment P & Q) Mr. Thompson introduced this item by referring to Attachment Q and brought attention to the items the POA requested be omitted. Mr. Thompson acknowledged that he felt most were acceptable changes except that one request would require further negotiation with the POA. Mayor Aaron further conveyed information in relation to the POA contract. Council discussion ensued. Mayor Aaron outlined each item one-by-one; action of accepting the pickup truck for \$1.00 (one dollar). Councilmember Summers made a motion to purchase the pickup for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar). Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of present council members. Mayor Aaron

outlined the next item; omitting the mention of insurance from the contract. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Pickard made a motion to accept the strike request to remove mention of insurance from the contract as the POA requested. Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members. On the POA request to include street repair in the contract; Mayor Aaron recommended that we rework the verbiage on this request. Council discussion ensued including possible verbiage variations. Councilmember Forsyth made a motion to conceptually accept upon a rewording of this item. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The POA President, Mr. Williams, addressed the council, voicing a concern with the amount of time required to complete the contract. Council and audience discussion ensued. Mayor Aaron stated that it is in the best interest of overall cost to the citizens to continue providing the requested service to the POA, providing that the contact is consistent with State requirement; further providing explanation of the fact that the Texas Constitution and the Statutes have specific restrictions relative to required separation between city governments and private entities relative to providing such requested services. Mayor Aaron stated that the City has thus expended extra time and effort to ensure that the POA services being requested are properly and adequately worked consistent with the restrictions. Council and audience discussion ensued. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the present council members.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Action/discussion: Resolution 08-017, Nomination/Appointment of POC member – Aaron (Attachment R)**

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by providing a summary of the process of the nomination committee's review of the candidates; stating the committee's recommendation was unanimous for Mr. Gene Gunstenson. Councilmember Sweigart made a motion to accept Resolution 08-017 nominating Mr. Gunstenson to serve on the POC. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members.

### **B. Action/discussion: Council Meeting & Agenda Improvements**

- a. Summary Proposed Standard Meeting Improvement (Attachment S)**
- b. Ordinance 2008-27, Adjust standard time for Council Meeting to 5:00 p.m. – Aaron (Attachment T)**

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by referring to Attachment S which provided suggestions and rationale in streamlining the council meeting process; further stating that the newly formed public forums will encourage and allow for additional communication exchange with the residents. Councilmember Sweigart made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-27 and waive the second reading. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members.

### **C. Action/discussion: Ordinance 2008-28, Additional Utility Fund loan to RCC Fund (\$25,000.00 - \$50,000.00) and establishing repayment thereof – Thompson (Attachment U & V)**

Mr. Thompson presented this ordinance by providing a summary of its purpose and origination. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Pickard made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2008-28 as presented and waive the second reading. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members.

- D. Action/discussion of Citizens Petition on Golf Course Lifetime Memberships - Pat Armstrong** (Attachment W through Z)
- a. **Review of City fulfillment of Item 13, Paragraph H, of the contract to purchase the golf course concerning the recertification of lifetime members - Aaron**
  - b. **Alteration/elimination of Ordinance 2008-11, Section 60.16, concerning restrictions to Lifetime contracts**

Mr. Armstrong addressed the council and stated that due to the time limit he would prefer that an additional special called meeting be scheduled in order to discuss this item due to the numerous people who wanted to speak in relation to same. Council and audience discussion ensued. The council agreed to have a special called meeting on or about the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008, subject to availability of a quorum. Specific date and agenda to be posted per normal requirements.

**E. Action/discussion: Proposal provided by Charlie Dickey for M & M Panel Discussion with the City of Meadowlakes and the City of Marble Falls – Aaron**

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by providing a history of Mr. Dickey's recent communications and request. Mr. Dickey introduced himself to the meeting members and guests; highlighting that he would like a forum whereby the City of Marble Falls and the City of Meadowlakes could begin communications on topics of mutual interest and benefit to both entities. Mayor Aaron stated his endorsement of the suggestion, subject to subsequent details being mutually worked out. Council discussion ensued. Mayor Aaron took the action to further pursue the details and keep council informed on future developments.

**F. Action/discussion: City Attorney, Sheila Limon, services agreement update – Aaron** (Attachment AA and AB) [Presented out of agenda order as stated at the onset of the meeting]

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by referring to the attachments and stated that he recommends we continue with Sheila Limon as the City Attorney. Councilmember Sweigart made a motion that we continue to utilize Sheila Limon as our city attorney. Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members.

**VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**A. Becky Johnson - Pedernales Electric, Activity Report**

Ms. Johnson introduced herself to the meeting members and guests; highlighting the Meadowlakes disbursement check, a new substation on Max Starke Dam road, reiterating that board meetings are always open to the public, the meetings usually take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, and a capital credit on each bill which is the first of the \$23 million dollar lawsuit settlement which will be continued over the next five (5) years. Council discussion ensued. Councilmember Forsyth also stated that their website has real time video of the meetings for those who cannot attend the meeting.

**B. Action/discussion: CASA 5K Run Participation Briefing which is being rescheduled from the approval date of 9/13/08 to a new date of 11/22/08 - L. Heine, Development Director** (Attachment AC)

Ms. Heine provided some background information into the program and the forced cancellation due to the hurricane threat; the new date is November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Council and audience discussion ensued. The POA President and the

city council agreed to participate in the rescheduled 5K run and pitch in halves on providing one water table for the runners.

**IX. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Aaron stated that the letter from Sheila Limon on Lifetime Membership is available upon request from City Hall and that additional copies are at the front table.

**X. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** (Limited to non-city related announcements unless subject matter specifically listed)

**A.** There were no additional citizen comments.

**XI. COUNCIL & MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A.** October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 is the Monthly Public Forum Meeting with citizens and council at 5:00 p.m.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Sweigart made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**Approved:**

/s/ John Aaron \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 10/14/08  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

/s/ Linda A. Wendling \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 10/14/08  
**City Secretary**