

**City of Meadowlakes
City Council Called Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION

Mayor John Aaron called the meeting to order at 2:00 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, Franzella Jones, Bill Pickard and Joe Summers. Also present were City Administrator Johnnie Thompson, City Secretary Linda Wendling and City Treasurer Eileen Harrison. Councilmember Mike Tepper was not in attendance.

**II. DISCUSSION OF CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010
(Attachment A, B & C)**

A. Action/discussion on FY2010 Budget and Council Action to Adopt

- a. Action/discussion on establishing a proposed ad valorem tax rate for 2010 and establishing the time, place and location of public hearings and date to establish said tax rate.**
- b. Action/discussion on establishing time, place and location of public hearing with regards to adoption of fiscal year 2010 budget.**

Mayor Aaron stated that today's budget discussion is mainly to adopt the budget so that it may be provided to the City Secretary; thus beginning the public review period. Mayor Aaron additionally thanked the council members for the very productive budget workshop that preceded this meeting. Johnnie Thompson introduced the budget discussion by highlighting the following items in relation to the PWD budget: outlining the revenue, current net gain of \$45.00, adjustments made since their last discussion, water revenues are 4.6% greater than in 2009, trimming of the budget, property tax revenue figures, reduction in cost of living raises from 3% to 2%, employee expenses, establishment of a few new funds, reduced chemical costs but increased repair and maintenance which almost wash, contracts, assets purchased was reduced, and principle payment increasing but interest decreasing.

Mr. Thompson reported on the general fund by highlighting: overall revenues are reduced by \$13,000 mainly because of decreased property revenue and franchise revenue, the expenditures which increased or decreased and the reasoning thereof, Fire and EMS contracts, capital outlay, contingency fund decreases, and that the reserves are in good shape. Mrs. Harrison provided input and explanation throughout the discussion.

Mr. Thompson reported on the RCC fund by highlighting: information related to the new corporation and their responsibility, the City will continue to make the lease purchase payment for the carts/property, the City will continue to hold the TABC alcohol license for the time being and that process is still under review, the corporation will lease the course from the city in the amount that equals their expenses, plans have been made to pay \$36,000 per year to

recover the loans but they will need future operating funds, and the equipment lease fund. Council discussion ensued.

The proposed tax rate this year is currently at \$0.2993. Mayor Aaron stated that without objection he will provide the City Secretary a copy of the budget in order to make it available for public review. The stated council meeting on September 8th will also consist of a public hearing on the budget whereby we may adopt the budget, on the 22nd of September we will set the tax rate, and on September 29th we will have a public forum.

B. Action/discussion on ESD - Decision on whether Meadowlakes is included in ESD – Thompson (Attachment D & E)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by providing background information in relation to the emergency service district (ESD). Mayor Aaron stated that we previously voted on this on February 16, 2009; however, due to logistics they did not obtain everyone's decision in a timely fashion. Therefore, there is a new deadline and we need to present the County Judge with another decision which is re-dated. Council discussion ensued. Commissioner Joe Don Dockery provided additional information and some clarification of being a non-interested party in regards to the ESD. Audience discussion ensued. Councilmember Pickard stated that we reaffirm the same motion as on February 16th and made a motion that pursuant to Section 775.014 of the Texas Health & Safety Code, the City of Meadowlakes, Texas, hereby yields any and all Meadowlakes ETJ to the proposed ESD No. 6 (including any and all Meadowlakes ETJ to the extent that such Meadowlakes ETJ may exist) and hereby consents to the inclusion of its extraterritorial jurisdiction, but not its territorial limits, within the proposed Burnet County Emergency Services District No. 6. Councilmember Summers seconded the motion. The motion carried by 4 ayes.

C. Action/discussion - Resolution 11-2009 Support of Household Hazardous Waste & Special Recyclables Collection Program for the Citizens of Burnet County – Williams (Attachment F)

Mr. Williams introduced this resolution by stating it was the same resolution as previously presented and he is requesting that the council consider and approve this resolution. Mr. Williams also stated that the original is at the Fire Department and copies will be distributed to each City upon receipt of every entities signature. Mayor Aaron clarified that this resolution shows our support and spends no funds. Council and audience discussion ensued and Mr. Williams provided a summary of the intention and purpose of the resolution. Commissioner Joe Don Dockery provided additional information in relation to the program. Councilmember Jones made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign this commitment of support. Councilmember Pickard seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members.

D. Action/discussion - Resolution 10-2009 PFC Formation & Article of Incorporation Cleanup – Aaron (Attachment G)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by stating that the changes that were made since its last review were not in relation to content but in relation to the attachment/form and grammatical. Councilmember Summers made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilmember Forsyth seconded the motion. Council discussion ensued regarding bylaws. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the present council members.

E. Action/discussion Meadowlakes Public Facility Corporation Bylaws (Attachment H)

Mayor Aaron introduced this item by reviewing Draft #3, Attachment H, and provided a history of its initial outline. Council discussion ensued in relation to content of the bylaws, adding language to the resignation paragraph, the corporation's review of same, and removal of the age requirement. Council and audience discussion ensued and additional proposed changes were discussed.

III. COUNCIL AND MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Discussion of forward budget timelines and meeting dates – Aaron

Mayor Aaron stated this item was addressed during the budget discussion.

B. Announce time and date that the FY2009-2010 Budget will be filed with the City Secretary for public review and posting of same to our website at www.meadowlaketexas.org – Aaron

Mayor Aaron stated that first thing tomorrow morning the budget will be posted to the city's website.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Approved:

/s/ John Aaron _____ **Date:** 8/19/09
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Linda A. Wendling _____ **Date:** 8/19/09
City Secretary