

City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023 – 6:00pm
Totten Hall, Meadowlakes Municipal Offices
177 Broadmoor Street, Meadowlakes, Texas

The City Council of the City of Meadowlakes held their Regular Meeting at Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall on February 21, 2023, 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
Garrett Wood, Councilmember

Staff:

Johnnie Thompson, City Manager
Debbie Holley, Treasurer
Evan Bauer, City Secretary

Absent:

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. Councilmember Wood led the 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 reports – In January, the Ordinance Officer responded to 8 calls. 13 warning notices were issued regarding parking violations in the street/driveway, 15 verbal conversations were held and 15 notes were left. 3 warning notices were issued regarding trash cans being left out past the allowed time or being seen from the street and 4 notes were left. 3 warning notices were issued regarding branches/debris in a yard, 4 verbal conversations were held and 2 notes were left. 1 verbal conversation was held regarding an inoperable vehicle in a driveway. 1 stop work order was issued. 1 warning notice was issued regarding a storage shed. 2 solicitors were advised about the no solicitation rule in Meadowlakes. 2 notices were left regarding holiday decorations being left out past the allowed time. 1 note was left informing a homeowner needing to have a visible house number.

In January, our Animal Control Officer received several calls about loose/lost dogs; all were returned to their owners. No rabid animals were reported in January.

2. Patrol Activity Report – In January, officer Koenning logged 56 hours and 202 miles. There were three citations issued; 2 for speeding (both for 41 mph in a 25 mph zone) and the other was for an expired registration. There were 6 warnings issued.

3. Building Committee Report – In January, the Building Committee issued 10 Permits; 1 fence, 2 remodels, 1 pergola, 1 variance (14 Fairway) and 5 new constructions (402, 404 and 406 Hogans Place, 181 Broadmoor and 96 Pinehurst). Currently, there are 10 ongoing projects within the City.

- B. Briefing on Golf Operations – Head Golf Pro, David Klotz, was not present but Mr. Thompson informed council that the golf course did not suffer any damage during the recent freeze. Play is still up and there are several upcoming tournaments booked.

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 financial reports

After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes with one spelling correction (David instead of Davis when referencing Mr. Klotz' report). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lofgreen and carried unanimously. Councilmember Wise made a motion to approve the January financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wood and carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. **Discussion/Action: Update on Renovation of Sewer Treatment Plant.** Mr. Thompson reported that in the coming weeks, he will ask council that he be authorized to request bids for this project. The city will be the general contractor.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Briefing from Ms. Jo Karr Tedder, President Central Texas Water Coalition. Jo Karr Tedder, President of the Central Texas Water Coalition, briefed the Council on the current water supply for the Highland Lakes. The main concern is that the inflow into our two main water storage reservoir lakes, Buchanan and Travis, in 2022 was historically low. Last year, the inflow was drastically less than the averages for the period of 1942 to 2021 as well as from the drought of record from 2008-2015. We all should be concerned about the status of the only water source for most of the Highland Lakes and Austin Metro area, especially with the lack of rainfall and the tremendous growth our local area is seeing.

B. Briefing from Mr. Johnny Campbell, Executive Director, of the Marble Falls Area Emergency Medical Service, Inc. regarding their first quarter of FY23 activity. Johnny Campbell, Executive Director of the Marble Falls Area EMS, briefed the Council on EMS operations for the first quarter of fiscal year 2023. He noted that there had been an increase in the number of calls received in Meadowlakes for the

October-December 2022 timeframe compared to those for the same time last year. The EMS responded to 74 calls during the period and transported 42 individuals. The average age of those transported was 76, and more male patients were transported than females. The EMS covers approximately 35,000 people and responds to approximately 5000 calls annually.

C. Discussion/Action: Waiving penalties and interest imposed as per State Law for payment of property taxes due to unforeseen consequences of Winter Storm "Mara."

D. Discussion/Action: Entering into an Inter-local Agreement between Burnet County and the City for assistance for application of hot mix asphalt on City owned property. The Council authorized Mr. Thompson to enter into an inter-local agreement with Burnet County to assist the City with improvements to one of the two parking lots at City Hall and the paving of an additional parking area at the City Public Works yard. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to authorize Mr. Thompson to enter into the inter-local agreement with Burnet County. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried unanimously.

E. Discussion/Action: Approval of building set-back variance Lot 198-14, 14 Fairway Lane. The owner of this property requested a building setback variance to an existing home at 14 Fairway Lane. The home was built with the understanding that the lot had a zero-lot line building setback, but it actually has a five-foot building setback. The Building Committee approved this variance at their meeting on January 13, 2023. After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to grant the variance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lofgreen and carried unanimously.

F. Discussion/Action: City Council will meet in Closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in: Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property) A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person: Discussion of possible future financing of real property developments including but not limited to new retail and service areas and improvements to real property. Mayor Bentley adjourned council into closed session at 7:07pm.

G. Action related to Closed Session. Mayor Bentley reconvened open session at 8:05pm and announced that discussion was held regarding funding options of a new restaurant/golf building. Mayor Bentley informed guests that there will be multiple workshops going forward to discuss funding as well as the specifics of the actual structure.

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

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mark Bentley

Date: March 21, 2023

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: March 21, 2023