

City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
May 16, 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 April 18, 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
Roxanne Morgan, Councilmember
Garrett Wood, Councilmember

Staff:

Johnnie Thompson, City Manager
Debbie Holley, Treasurer
Evan Bauer, City Secretary
David Klotz, Golf Pro
Johnny Gillen, Ordinance Officer

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 and prayer.
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Resident Georgina Christy addressed council regarding concerns with the current cost of the proposed complex and asked why the facility needs to be so elaborate. She is concerned about the outside traffic coming through the gate and who will control that once the new facility is complete. Also, she thinks that any bond should be put up for election.

Allison Bennett voiced her support of the plans for the proposed structure and asked about the possibility of adding lockers.

Carolyn Richmond is also in support of the proposed complex. Mrs. Richmond stated that homes are a large part of the investment, and part of that is keeping the facilities upgraded. Originally, Meadowlakes was built as a retirement community, and that has changed so the proposed facility needs to reflect the changing demographics. She also asked council to consider possibly adding additional golf cart parking.

Marilyn Mischen asked about what the city will do with the lost revenue while the new structure is under construction. In her opinion, the swimming pool needs to be an Olympic sized pool, and wondered if it would be better to just renovate the existing building.

4. MONTHLY STANDARD LIVE REPORTS *(Progress and Status Reports Only.)*

A. Operations in general - City Manager Johnnie Thompson

1. Ordinance reports – In April, the Ordinance Officer responded to 19 calls and 2 emails. 10 warning notices were issued regarding parking violations in the street/driveway, 5 verbal conversations were held, 8 notes were left and 2 citations were given. 5 warning notices were issued regarding trash cans being left out past the allowed time or being seen from the street and 1 verbal conversation was had. 9 warning notices were issued regarding branches/debris in a yard, 16 verbal conversations were held and 31 notes were left. 1 solicitor was advised about the no solicitation rule in Meadowlakes. 1 verbal conversation was had regarding a fence falling down and 13 notes were left regarding branches on the curb, trees less than 14' above the road, a dead tree and trash behind a house, and shrubs covering a utility box.
In April, our Animal Control Officer received several calls about loose/lost dogs; all were returned to their owners. Several calls were received about armadillos digging in yards, a trapped skunk, an injured Canada goose, and a woman who was bit by her dog. No rabid animals were reported in April.
2. Patrol Activity Report – In April, Officer Koenning logged 57 hours and 223 miles. There were 5 citations issued; 1 for speeding (38 mph in a 25 mph zone), 2 for no DL, 1 for parking in a no parking zone, and 1 for unauthorized use of a temporary tag; all were non-residents. There were 4 warnings issued.
3. Building Committee Report – In April, the Building Committee issued 1 permit for a fence. Currently, there are 17 ongoing projects within the City.

B. Briefing on Golf Operations – Head Golf Pro, David Klotz, reported that golf course operations are running smoothly. The maintenance department is doing very well and have been removing dead trees on the course.

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. April financial reports
- C. Authorization of use of Opioid Abatement Funds
- D. Amending the City's Reimbursement Policy for Cost of Meals for City Related Travel

After discussion, Councilmember Drummond made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morgan and carried unanimously. Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve the April financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried unanimously. Mr. Thompson reported that the City has received approximately \$285 from the State's Opioid Abatement program. If approved, the City will use the funds to purchase Narcan to be placed with the AED devices installed within the municipal buildings. Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to authorize Mr. Thompson to use the funds to purchase Narcan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried unanimously. Regarding the City's per diem for meals for City related travel, Mr. Thompson informed council that this has not been adjusted since 2016. It is currently \$35 per day and he is requesting to change it to \$50 per day. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve the per diem going from \$35 per day to

\$50 per day. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried with votes from Councilmember Drummond and Morgan. Councilmember Wood abstained.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. Discussion/Action: Update on Renovation of Sewer Treatment Plant.** Mr. Thompson informed council that new flow meters have been purchased. The City is still waiting on the engineer who is finishing up a large project.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2023-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWLAKES, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, HELD ON MAY 6, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS. Incumbents Barbara Peskin and Garrett Wood, as well as newly elected Roxanne Morgan, were sworn into office for a two year term by the City Secretary. Councilmember Peskin made a motion to accept the results of the May 6, 2023 election. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lofgreen and carried unanimously. Please note that this item was taken out of order; it was discussed at the beginning of the meeting so that Councilmember Morgan could immediately take her place on council.

B. Discussion/Action-Election of Mayor Pro Tempore (Pro Tem). The Mayor Pro-Tem will serve in the absence of the Mayor. The term is for one year. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to elect Councilmember Wood as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried unanimously.

C. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2023-06 - AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE THE CITY'S COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000,000 AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. No action was taken on this item; there is an issue with the bond lawyers. Discussion/Action will be held at a later meeting.

D. Discussion/Action: Resolution 2023-05 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWLAKES, TEXAS, BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS, APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE MEADOWLAKES PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM. Eddie Wise has resigned from the PFC; his term expires in October 2023. After discussion, Councilmember Drummond made a motion to nominate Barbara Peskin to fill this unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wood and carried unanimously. Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond and carried unanimously.

E. Discussion: Related to granting of over 65 and disable property valuation exemption. Discussion was held on this item; Mr. Thompson will look into it further. No action was taken.

F. Closed Session per Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to Consult with Attorney. Mayor Bentley adjourned Council into closed session at 6:45pm and reconvened to open session at 8:36pm. No action was taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Bentley adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mark Bentley

Date: June 20, 2023

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: June 20, 2023