

City of Meadowlakes
City Council Stated Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2022 – 5:00pm

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
Totten Hall, Meadowlakes Municipal Offices
177 Broadmoor Street, Meadowlakes, Texas

The City Council of the City of Meadowlakes held its Regular Meeting at Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall on July 26, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

Present:

Mark Bentley, Mayor
Jess Lofgreen, Councilmember
Barbara Peskin, Councilmember
Eddie Wise, Councilmember
Garrett Wood, Councilmember

Absent:

Jerry Drummond, Councilmember

Staff:

Johnnie Thompson, City Manager
Debbie Holley, Treasurer
Evan Bauer, City Secretary
David Klotz, Head Golf Pro

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION.** Mayor Bentley called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 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 June, the Ordinance Officer responded to 7 calls, issued 112 violation notices, mostly related to visible trash cans and parking violations. There were 24 warning tickets issued for parking infractions most of which were for parking on the wrong side of the street, parking in a no parking area, parking on the street over the allowed time-period or parking a trailer, RV, or boat on the street at night. There were 3 citations issued; 1 for parking a vehicle in the street over 3 days in 7 and over 7 days in 30, and 2 for storing an inoperable vehicle on drive. 2 signs were picked up in the City right of way. In June, our Animal Control Officer received several calls about loose dogs; all were returned to their owners. He also received several calls

about lost cats, fox sightings, and armadillos digging up yards. No rabid animals were reported in June.

2. Patrol Activity Report – In June, officer Koenning and Ciolfi logged a total of 72 hours and 187 miles. Officer Koenning issued one citation for speeding 37 in a 25 mph zone. Officer Koenning issued 6 warnings.
3. Building Committee Report – In June, the Building Committee issued 6 permits; 2 for fences, 1 remodel, 1 variance, 1 patio cover/remodel, and 1 pool permit. Currently, there are 14 ongoing projects within the City.

B. Briefing on Golf Operations – Head Golf Pro, David Klotz, reported that he has been busy hosting the US Kids golf tournament, the Lake Travis High School golf try outs, and the annual Junior Golf Camp. He also informed council that the monthly membership sales have increased; annual memberships are planned to increase in price on October 1st with all existing memberships being grandfathered in at their current monthly price.

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. June 2022 Financial Reports

After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, as well as the July 7th workshop minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried unanimously. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve the June financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. **Discussion/Action: Update on Sewer Plant Renovations.** Mr. Thompson reported that the plans for the renovation have been completed; the bids for the project will be open prior to the council meeting on September 20th, and the engineer will be present at that meeting to make his recommendation.
- B. **Discussion/Action: Renovation of tennis Courts.** Mr. Thompson reported that everything is complete except for the instillation of the windscreens.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. **Discussion/Action: Contract for Election Service and Joint Election Agreement with the elections Administrator of Burnet County.** The City contracts with Burnet County for the purpose of conducting our elections. The proposed contract is the same as in previous years. The cost is based on a pro rata share of the cost of conducting the election. After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to approve the contract as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wood and carried unanimously.
- B. **Discussion/Action: Entering into a contract with the Marble Falls Area Emergency Medical Service, Inc. for emergency medical services within the City.** Johnny Campbell, Executive

Director of the Marble Falls Area EMS was present to discuss renewing the City's 3-year contract for services. The current contract will expire on September 30, 2022. If approved, the new contract for services will be from October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2025. As in the past, the cost for services is proposed to increase 3% per year. After discussion, Councilmember Peskin made a motion to approve the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously.

- C. Discussion/Action: Retaining the auditing firm of Neffendorf & Blocker, P.C. of Fredericksburg, Texas for conducting the City's fiscal year 2022 audit.** Local Government Code requires the City to have an audit of all records and accounts annually; this is generally done at the end of the City's fiscal year and must be conducted by a certified public accountant experienced in conducting governmental auditing. For the past several years, the City has retained the firm of Neffendorf & Knopp, P.C., now Neffendorf and Blocker, P.C, of Fredericksburg. Mr. Thompson recommends retaining this firm for conducting the City's fiscal year 2022 audit at an estimated cost of \$18,000, which is an increase of \$2,500 from previous years. After discussion, Councilmember Wise made a motion to retain the accounting firm Neffendorf and Blocker, P.C. to conduct the City's FY22 annual audit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wood and carried unanimously.
- D. Discussion/Action: Authorizing the purchase of a Trimax Mowing System wide area mower for the golf course.** Mr. Thompson discussed with council the need to purchase a replacement wide area mower for the golf course. The cost would be just under \$54,300. The mower replacement was initially scheduled for FY23, but the cost of the mower had risen by nearly \$2,500 in the past three months. It is expected to continue to increase in cost, so management thought it would be prudent to lock in the price before another price increase from the manufacture. If approved, delivery is expected around the first of the year. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to authorize the purchase of the mower as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wise and carried unanimously.
- E. Discussion/Action: Review of proposed fiscal year 2023 budget.** Mr. Thompson presented the final proposed budget for FY23. There will not be any water/wastewater rate increases, but there will be a 3% increase in solid waste fees beginning in January 2023, per terms of our contract with Waste Management. The budget also reflects an increase in fees related to golf, however, those have not been established at this time. If approved, the budget will be filed with the City Secretary tomorrow, July 27th and will be reviewed again at the council meeting on September 20th. During the meeting on September 20th, the two required public hearings related to the budget and tax rate will be held.
- F. Discussion/Action: Establishment of preliminary ad valorem tax rate for 2022 and setting date, time, and place of required public hearings regarding the adoption of an ad valorem tax rate and budget.** After discussion, Councilmember Wood made the following motion:

"I move to establish the preliminary 2022 ad valorem tax rate for the City of Meadowlakes at a combined rate of \$0.2396 per \$100 taxable valuation. The breakdown of the preliminary ad valorem tax rate is as follows:"

Maintenance and Operation	\$0.1365
Interest and Sinking	\$0.1031
Total Combined Rate	\$0.2396

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lofgreen and carried unanimously. Councilmember Drummond was not present to vote.

Councilmember Lofgreen made the following motion regarding the public hearing:

“I move that the public hearing regarding the adoption of the ad valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2022 and the public hearing regarding the adoption of the fiscal year 2023 budget be held on September 20, 2022, at 5pm, at Meadowlakes City Hall, 177 Broadmoor St. Meadowlakes, TX.”

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wood and carried unanimously. Councilmember Drummond was not present to vote.

- G. Discussion/Action: A resolution on securing the future by improving water management Policies and promoting water conservation in Central Texas and the Lower Colorado River Basin by recommending that the LCRA revisit the assumptions used in the 2022 State Water Plan.** Mayor Bentley discussed the need to revisit the 2022 Texas State Water Plan before it is updated in 2027. The current water plan develops strategies that are based on conditions that occurred from 2010-2014; this period is known as the “Drought of Record”. The current conditions in Texas are much worse than the “Drought of Record” conditions. This resolution hopes to prevent water from being released from the Hill Country to coastal areas downstream. After discussion, Councilmember Lofgreen made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peskin and carried with votes from Councilmembers Lofgreen, Peskin, and Wood. Councilmember Wise abstained and Councilmember Drummond was not present to vote.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Bentley adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Approved: _____
Mayor, Mark Bentley

Date: August 16, 2022

Attest: _____
City Secretary, Evan Bauer

Date: August 16, 2022