

# City of Meadowlakes Stated Meeting Minutes September 19, 2017

The City Council of the City of Meadowlakes held a Tax and Budget Public Hearing, followed by a Regular Meeting at Meadowlakes Municipal Building in Totten Hall on September 19, 2017, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting.

## **Council Members Present:**

Mayor Mary Ann Raesener  
Councilmember Mike Barry  
Councilmember Ed O'Hayre  
Councilmember Jerry Drummond  
Councilmember David Baker

## **Councilmembers not present:**

Bob Brown

**Guests Present:** Gary Gauci and Guy Reid,  
bothwith Republic Services

## **Staff Present:**

City Manager Johnnie Thompson  
City Secretary Evan Bauer  
Flood Plan Administer Mike Williams  
Golf and Food and Beverage  
Manager Jeremy Grubb

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION.** Mayor Raesener called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the presence of a quorum.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER.** Councilmember Drummond led the Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Baker led the Council and guests in prayer.

## **3. PUBLIC HEARING ESTABLISHING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FY2018.**

The second of the two required public hearings regarding the establishment of an ad valorem tax rate for 2017 (FY18) was held. Mr. Thompson presented a Power Point which described how ad valorem tax income is utilized by the City and the effect that the proposed ad valorem tax rate would have on the average homeowner in Meadowlakes. Based on the proposed tax rate, the average homeowner in Meadowlakes would see an approximate \$20 increase in the amount of taxes paid to the City. Mr. Thompson discussed with Council and citizens the proposed budget, how their tax dollars are spent and how that will affect the average homeowner.

**4. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** None

**5. MONTHLY STANDARD LIVE REPORTS:** The following live reports were given by staff:

- A. Current Operations and Consent items. Mr. Thompson briefed the Council on operations in general, as well as consent items.
- B. Public Works. Mr. Williams briefed the Council on current operations of

the Public Works Department, including both the regular recurring items and gave an update on the Purple Pipe Project. He also informed Council on an opportunity to offer damage estimation assistance to communities along the coast that were affected by the hurricane.

C. Golf and Food and Beverage. Mr. Grubb briefed the Council on golfing and food and beverage operations.

## 6. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes – Evan Bauer, City Secretary
- B. Standard Staff Reports for August 2017.
  - 1. Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control August 2017 Activity Report – Pat Preston, Ordinance/Animal Control Officer
  - 2. Patrol August 2017 Activity Report - provided by Meadowlakes Patrol Officers
  - 3. Building Committee August 2017 Activity Report – Blair Feller, Chairman
  - 4. Vandalism August 2017 Report – Evan Bauer, City Secretary
  - 5. Public Works Department August 2017 Activity Report - Mike Williams, PWD
- C. Financial Reports for August 2017 - Johnnie Thompson, City Manager

After Council discussion, Councilmember Baker made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Hayre and carried unanimously.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. **Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Workshop.** After council discussion, it was determined a workshop was not needed.
- B. **Public Hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget.** A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed FY 2018 budget. Mr. Thompson presented a brief Power Point which addressed income, expenses, and highlights of the proposed budget. After review, Councilmember Drummond made a motion to ratify the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Hayre and carried unanimously. In order to adopt Ordinance 2017-04, there are two things required from Council. The first is a motion to adopt, and the second is a roll call vote.
- C. **Discussion/Action: Adopting Ordinance 2017-04 titled "ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2017-04 titled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWLAKES, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL BUDGET FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018; IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."** Mr. Thompson brief the Council on the adoption procedure for the proposed FY 2018 budget. Formal adoption required to separate votes by the Council.  
After a brief discussion Councilmember Barry move to ratify that the FY 2018 Budget will raise \$32,347 more in ad valorem tax income than last year, the motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Hayre and carried

unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barry and seconded by Councilmember O'Hayre to approve Ordinance 2017-04, the motion carried by the following vote:

Councilperson Baker	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Barry	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Brown	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Drummond	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson O'Hayre	<u>Yes</u>

**D. Discussion/Action: Adopting Ordinance 2017-05 titled "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWLAKES, TEXAS, FOR THE 2018 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, TAX YEAR 2017; PROVIDING FOR AND APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING A DATE ON WHICH TAXES SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF UNPAID; AND, PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY, INTEREST AND COLLECTION COSTS, IF ANY, FOR ALL DELINQUENT TAXES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."** After discussion,

Councilmember Barry made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember O'Hayre and carried unanimously. The ordinance was passed and approved by Council as follows:

Councilperson Baker	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Barry	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Brown	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Drummond	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson O'Hayre	<u>Yes</u>

## 8. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

**A. Discussion/Action: Adopting Ordinance 2017-06 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWLAKES, TEXAS, AMENDING AND EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE; CONTAINING VARIOUS TERMS AND CONDITIONS WITH REGARD TO THE EXTENSION OF SUCH FRANCHISE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY AND ALL KINDS OF ORDINANCES THAT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."** Mr. Gary Gauci, with Republic Services addressed the council regarding the existing franchise agreement for solid waste collection within the City. The proposed contract extension would reflect a \$1 per month increase in the current rate for solid waste collection and provide a 3% increase per year in fees for years two through five. The proposed contract extension also address the change in container(s) used for recycling. Currently a 15 gallon tote is used and they are proposing that the totes be replaced with a 95 gallon rollout container very similar to the existing trash cans. Action was tabled until the October meeting.

**B. Discussion/Action: Calling for a workshop to discuss the Building Committee and Community Improvement Committee ideas.** After discussion, Councilmember Baker made a motion to have a workshop to review the recommendations of the Building Committee and Community Improvement recommendations. The motion died due to not receiving a second.

Mayor Raesener appointed Councilmembers Baker and Barry to a committee to review options regarding the Building Committee. This item will be discussed further at the next City Council meeting.

**C. Discussion/Update: Organizational Chart and Job Descriptions.** Mr. Thompson updated the Council on the progress on updating job descriptions. This an ongoing process which he hopes to have complete by the end of October. No action was request or taken at this time. This item will be discussed further at the next City Council meeting.

**D. Adjourned to closed session per Section §551.074 Texas Government Code to discuss Personnel Matters and Land Acquisition Section §551.072 at 7:05 p.m.**

**E. Reconvened into open session at 8:16 p.m.** No action was taken.

**9. COUNCIL & MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. The next Council meeting will be held October 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Raesener adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

**Approved:** /S/ Mary Ann Raesener  
Mayor, Mary Ann Raesener

**Date:** October 9, 2017

**Attest:** /S/ Evan Bauer  
City Secretary

**Date:** October 9, 2017