

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF OCTOBER 6, 2009
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The Public Hearing of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup at Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Aldermen: Heidi Case
 Terry Henley
 Charles Kulhanek
 Rick Staigle
 Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Mayor Jessup explained this was an opportunity for residents to address Council with any and all concerns, both positive and negative, about the proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009. The rate proposed is \$0.83 per \$1,000 valuation, broken down into \$0.6546 for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.1754 for Interest and Sinking. Mayor Jessup explained this was a difficult budget to put together requiring many stressful meetings. Council is not at all happy about having to raise taxes. The city could have raised taxes to almost \$0.85 without the threat of a roll back election but chose instead to tighten its belt as much as possible.

Larry Ewing asked how residents on a fixed budget could expect to pay these taxes. Mayor Jessup said he knew it was tough. While no police positions were cut from the budget, no city employee is receiving a raise either. This budget will allow the city to keep our total police force as well as offer accustomed city services. The tax base is set on property values and, while residential property values have remained steady, commercial values were cut by a quarter million dollars.

Ron Landers asked what was in the budget. He was told the proposed budget is available to see and download on the city's website.

Mayor Jessup also explained that there is an EDC committee that is meeting to actively discuss ways to market our city to potential businesses.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Kulhanek, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary