

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 26, 2011
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup, 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:

Mayor: Charles Jessup

Aldermen: Terry Henley
Heidi Case
Shirley Isbell
Rick Staigle
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Council discussed the proposed budget schedule. On June 21st, Council will discuss Revenues as well as the Administration and Municipal Court budgets. On June 28th, Council will discuss the Police Department budget. On July 12th, Council will discuss the Public Works budget. On July 19th, Council will discuss the Parks and Recreation Department budget. And on August 9th, Council will conduct a final review of the entire budget. Of major concern this year are rising gasoline prices.

Council then discussed the ongoing lake project. Mayor Jessup said it was looking good and coming in under budget. The budget for this project is \$125,000 and costs are currently \$57,000. The County has bent over backwards to do a good job and the Mayor is impressed with their competency, work attitudes and ethics.

Council discussed the possibility of replacing our current water meters with new "Smart Meters". These are radio read water meters. It's expected there is an abundance of water that is not registering on our water meters, causing residents to be under billed. The water does register as being pumped from our wells, causing the city to pay more for surface water than is taken in.

Council discussed adding permit software to the budget. Currently everything is done by hand which allows for some oversights in required inspections, etc.

Council discussed purchasing a new police vehicle before October. This would eliminate the wear and tear being placed on existing vehicles due to one of them having been totaled in a recent accident. If a new vehicle is purchased before October, no funds for an additional vehicle will be allotted for an additional vehicle in next year's budget.

Council discussed the possibility of Behr funneling their reimbursement for their event through H-GAC, a 501(C)3 corporation, on behalf of Meadows Place so they can receive a tax break.

Council briefly went over the agenda for tonight's regular Council meeting. There were no questions.

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

Elaine Herff, City Secretary