

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2013
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:03 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
John Isbell
Terry Morgan
John Whiteman

thus constituting a quorum.

Absent: Dave Wilkens

Also present was resident Shirley Isbell.

Mayor Jessup asked for a motion to suspend the rules and have item # 3 Southwest Water and Water Treatment Plant Operations as the first item for discussion. Motion was made by John Isbell and seconded by John Whiteman.

The first item on the agenda was Southwest Water and Water Treatment Plant Operations. Southwest Water is currently struggling as it has lost several customers. The City of Sugar Land officially terminated services with Southwest. Dan McGraw, Public Works Director along with Mayor Jessup has been looking at alternatives to Southwest. One proposal is to hire 2 additional staff as previously discussed. Councilman Whiteman asked is there was a plan if Southwest goes out of business? Mayor Jessup stated if this were to occur, WCID#2 should be an alternative.

The second item on the agenda was a discussion of Code Enforcement. Mayor Jessup stated that after interviewing all four finalists, the committee consisting of Councilmembers; John Isbell, Dave Wilkens and Public Works Director Dan McGraw have made a selection. The entire committee agreed that Mr. Edouart Cardona from Scottsdale, Arizona ranked at the top of the list. Mr. Cardona did a great job during his telephone interview. There are plans to have finalist, Mr. Cardona, fly in from Arizona to have a face-to-face interview with the interview committee and a tour of the City on next Thursday, January 31. Mr. Cardona will be interviewed briefly to ensure that he will be a good fit for the City. If Mr. Cardona passes the final phase, he will be officially offered the job.

Mayor Jessup invited all attendees to the Council Chambers for the next item.

The third item on the agenda was Discussion and training on Microphones in Council Chambers. Mayor Jessup stated that Yolanda Wilson, City Secretary will provide a quick overview training to ensure Council properly utilize microphones. City Secretary Ms. Wilson stated that microphones are controlled by a switch located near each councilmembers' microphones however there should never be a need to turn that switch to off mode. If a councilmember wishes not to speak into the microphone, the microphone can be turned away toward the audience. When speaking into the microphone, everyone should be sure that the microphone is located close to their mouth; otherwise, it will be difficult to hear. Councilman Terry Morgan's panel switch controls not only his microphone but the podium microphone that is used for public comments. It is important to leave all microphones on during the entire meeting.

The fourth item was Texting during Council Meetings. Mayor Jessup stated as a reminder that as a part of the Open Meetings Act, Council should not be texting during Council meetings. The Mayor provided examples of why it is not a good idea to text during a council meeting. In order to avoid any misconception from the audience or meeting attendees, it would be better not to text during council meetings.

The fifth item was discussion of Joint Meeting with Economic Development Corporation (EDC). Mayor Jessup apologized for his mix up with dates for January 26. Due to Mayor Jessup's son getting married, he will be unable to keep the previously scheduled January 26 Joint Council and EDC Committee meeting date however he will provide Yolanda Wilson, City Secretary with proposed dates for an upcoming meeting to send out to Council and the EDC for an actual date.

The last item on the agenda was upcoming Council meeting agenda items. Mayor Jessup stated if Council would like to request items to be on the agenda for discussion to please contact the City Secretary. There will be an upcoming Joint Committee Meeting held and dates will be emailed by the City Secretary to set up for Council and EDC. Council should have received a copy of the fourth quarter annual review that is on tonight's regular council agenda. There is an item on the council agenda for the City to call an election for 2013. Alderman positions number 4 and 5 will be expiring this year.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Yolanda Wilson, City Secretary