

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF JUNE 9, 2003
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The special meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Mark McGrath 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 Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Mark McGrath
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Charles Jessup Joe McCann David Piwonka Leen Zellers

thus constituting a quorum.

There were no comments from the audience or from council.

Mayor McGrath thanked council for coming out for the fourth week in a row to attend a council meeting.

Mayor McGrath then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS, ENTITLED, "ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS," ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 6-6, ENTITLED "NUMBER OF DOGS, CATS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD PETS."

The existing ordinance does not control the number of animals a resident may keep in their yard. This can contribute to excessive noise and waste products being generated. The only way to control this situation is to limit the number of animals allowed. The proposed ordinance is patterned on the one in existence in Sugar Land. It limits the amount of four legged animals in any one residence to four. As a health and safety issue, our city attorney has advised us that we do not need to grandfather existing residences which currently exceed this number. Alderman Jessup noted the ordinance gives the animal control officer full authority to limit the number of dogs, cats and other animals. He asked if this duty belonged to our code enforcement officer. Mayor McGrath said currently the county provides us with animal control. Our code enforcement officer will not knock on doors demanding compliance. Complaints from residents and city employee observations of possible non-compliance will be investigated. Alderman Henley said he polled his neighborhood and found that many have up to six animals as pets. He therefore would like to see the ordinance changed to allow six, four legged animals. Mayor McGrath said the number four is not etched in stone. Alderman Zellers, Piwonka and McCann said they were in favor of four. If this number becomes a problem, the ordinance can be revisited at a later date. Alderman Zellers made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered **2003-19**, limiting the number of four legged animals to four per residence. Alderman McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried with Aldermen Jessup, McCann, Piwonka and Zellers voting "aye" and Alderman Henley voting "nay."

There being no further business to consider, Alderman Jessup made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary