

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF OCTOBER 28, 2003
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:06 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.

Also present were James Andrews, Madhu Kilambi, Doug Wilson and Dave Kasper from Claunch and Miller.

Mr. Andrews introduced Mr. Wilson who gave a presentation on a GIS System and Water Module. GIS stands for Geographic Information System. It needs five things to work: the hardware, people to update the information, the procedures necessary for the system to compute the requested information, the software and general data. The system can be useful to all departments of the city – Administration, finance, police, public works, planning & developments, parks, etc.

Mr. Kasper then gave a presentation on a sample water system Claunch & Miller is working on for a subdivision in the City of Galveston. He demonstrated how this was a cost effective system allowing for planning estimates on fire flow rates, predicting the effects of new development on the existing water system and determining necessary water line sizes for future system improvements.

Mayor McGrath thought this system could aid the city in its eventual planning for surface water requirements. He said there is approximately \$90,000 left from capital improvement bonds which were sold by the old Meadows M.U.D. to enhance the water/sewer system. He asked council to think about using these funds for a GIS for the city.

Code Enforcement Officer Tracey Spiller then updated council on her first year with the city. She showed pictures of before and after homes that were fixed up after she worked with the owners. She listed the amount of citations issued, fines collected and liens filed.

Mayor McGrath said he has been in touch with Joe Morrow with First Southwest Company. We will sign a contract with them in November to be our Financial Advisors. We will probably sell the remaining \$1.275 million remaining in approved bond funds for street repairs in February, 2005.

Mayor McGrath asked Councilmembers McCann and Piwonka to think about what can be done to honor former Mayor McDonald for his 18 years of service to the City, twelve as Mayor. He'd like suggestions by the November meeting if possible.

Mayor McGrath reminded Council there would be a special joint meeting with the EDC Board on November 4th.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Zellers made a motion, seconded by Alderman McCann to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary