

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF JANUARY 27, 2004
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:05 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.

Mayor McGrath discussed with council using funds restricted for court technology use generated from Municipal Court citations. There is currently about \$32,000 in this fund. This should cover the cost of four new hand held ticket writers which will inter-phase with the court system's computer program currently being used allowing officers to swipe an offender's driver's license and capture the information stored on its magnetic strip. The devices will also offer a pull down menu requiring a minimum amount of input from officers. The information will be downloaded onto a computer in the police department and sent to the municipal court. Council felt this was a very good use of the court technology funds.

Council discussed the city's 20th birthday and commemoration plans. Parks Director Monya Keenen said she and Councilmember McCann discussed having the event on Friday evening, April 30th. By that time new lights and a new facing for the existing sign at the small park can be installed. Food items to be served will be hot dogs, hamburgers, cake, iced tea and lemonade. A DJ will be hired and his sound system can help with the presentation. The date will be firm once Councilmembers McCann and Piwonka get approval from former Mayor Jim McDonald and the event will be announced in the city's Newsletter.

Discussing the summer pool management position, Mrs. Keenen said last year's pool manager, Sara Stansbury would not be returning. She has been in contact with a potential candidate, Scot Herff, who would come highly qualified for the position. Mr. Herff was an assistant manager for our pool several years ago. He currently is a City of Sugar Land firefighter. He is a certified EMT, is a Hazardous Material Technician and is on the Sugar Land dive team. His full time job will not allow him to be present the whole time the pool is open but with trained assistants, the pool should run smoothly. Councilmember Henley stated "You're only as good as your team."

Council then discussed the proposed Centerpoint Energy – Entex rate increase. Council has the authority to postpone the rate increase for 90 days while they study the matter.

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

Elaine Herff, City Secretary