

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF MAY 25, 2004
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:15 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 Stafford Fire Chief Mike Melton, fireman Larry DiCamillo and architect Jamie Knight.

Mayor McGrath asked Chief Melton to give an overview of the changes to the fire department over the last few years and the reasons we need a new fire station in Meadows Place.

Chief Melton noted his department responds to fires in the cities of Stafford and Meadows Place as well as unincorporated Harris County and unincorporated Fort Bend County. In addition, they are the first response EMS team, being on call all of the time and providing advance life support.

Due to the efforts of the Stafford Fire Department and the cooperation of city departments, the ISO rate for Meadows Place and Stafford has decreased from 6 to 2. This is the rate insurance companies use when providing fire coverage. A two is the lowest residential rate that can be achieved. Commercial establishments have a rate of one.

Chief Melton was successful in changing the mutual aid agreement that is in place with all surrounding departments to an automatic aid agreement between the Stafford, Missouri City and Sugar Land departments. This means all three entities will respond to calls automatically.

On average, Stafford makes 225 calls to Meadows Place each year. Approximately 90 of them are fire calls, the rest are for EMS. About 40 to 42 EMS calls per year are made to The Oasis facility. With the increase in size, it is expected this number will increase to 100 or 150 per year within the next three years.

They would like Meadows Place to build a fire station that will accommodate a fire truck, a new EMS vehicle and a large rescue truck.

Jamie Knight, with Bailey Architects, said he met with members of the Stafford Fire Department on March 31st at the Mayor's request to see what type of building they needed. He came up with three possibilities. The building needs to be at least 75 to 80 square feet with parking space. Cost will be up to \$500,000. Council discussed vehicle access and the possibility of relocating 2 tanks on the water site.

Council also discussed the proposed budget calendar.

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 7:29 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary