

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF JULY 13, 2004
CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
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: Charles Jessup
Joe McCann
David Piwonka
Leen Zellers

and the following absent:

Alderman: Terry Henley

thus constituting a quorum.

Council discussed the Public Works/Public Utilities fiscal year 2004-2005 budget with Director Dan McGraw.

Mayor McGrath noted this year there would only be a 2% across the board employee raise given with some special circumstances. There will be no increase in medical insurance rates. Costs for retirement benefits, however, are increasing from 10.5% this year to 11.39% next year. This is a "no frills" budget.

At the water plant, the lift station needs to be replaced at a cost of \$17,000 and the electrical panel needs to be moved. Maintenance and repair costs for water service are increasing due in part to the need of an emergency pump and motor repairs as well as motion lighting to be installed.

At the sewer treatment plant, the traveling bridge needs to be repaired at a cost of \$23,000 - \$25,000 and approximately \$15,000 needs to be spent on the storage tanks. Also, the whole building needs to be painted.

In summary, the water and sewer department expenses will increase by about \$50,000 while revenues will be down by about \$98,000.

Council then discussed the Public Works budget. Projects remaining in this year's budget include extending the sprinkler system down West Airport and completing the landscaping around the monument entrance sign on West Airport at U.S 59. Next year's budget will include the street project along with additional sidewalk, curb and ramp repairs/installations. The lobby area of city hall needs to be painted and tree trimming will be needed throughout the city. No new truck is budgeted for.

Mayor McGrath said he expected to discuss fire protection with Stafford within the next several weeks and would like a committee of himself, along with Councilmembers Piwonka and Henley to work out details with a committee from Stafford.

There were no further questions or concerns raised and Councilmember Zellers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Piwonka to close the public hearing and the meeting. With unanimous approval, the both meetings were closed at 7:28 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary