

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF JULY 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 6:15 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
Joe McCann
David Piwonka
Leen Zellers

and the following absent:

Alderman: Charles Jessup

thus constituting a quorum.

Council discussed the Police Department budget for 2004-2005 with Police Chief G. Michael Pickett. Personnel costs will include a 2% raise. Personnel changes in this past year include the addition of Officer Larry Eissler and the removal of Officer Richard Dyches. It was determined that most warrant fees come from people trying to renew their driver's license through DPS and that the \$12,000 difference being paid for Officer Flannigan over Officer Dyches gave the department another full time officer. They are working on a number of grants and Chief Pickett has recently found information on many federal government grants that the department will be looking into. They discussed grants in progress and the fact that Officer Lang is a good value for the department, with her knowledge of DARE and community service. The Mayor stated that the proposed budget is right in line with what has happened in previous years. Chief Pickett stated that the department always shops around for items such as computers and that Officer Ashton saves the department with his skills. The department is very cohesive and everyone gets along very well.

Discussing the remaining budget, Chief Pickett explained what each line item covered and talked about some of the new upcoming things contained in the budget including a Kid ID package that can also be used for making employee ID's and magnetic cards. Storage problems were discussed and Councilmembers Piwonka and Henley brought up digitalizing records.

Mayor McGrath stated the entire city budget was coming in about \$150,000 short. Grants will help defray costs and he is looking at expenses and possible tax and water/sewer increases.

The lot on Brighton is going up for tax sale on August 3rd. The Mayor received permission to offer up to \$20,000 for the lot.

Mayor McGrath will be in a class on the second Tuesday of each month for the next 4 months and he received Council's consensus to change the regular meeting date to the 4th Wednesday beginning in August.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Zellers made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Deborah Wood, Assistant City Secretary