

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2005
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

A Public Hearing of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:09 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 Rick Staigle

thus constituting a quorum.

Mayor McGrath explained that two public hearings were being held. The first was to discuss the proposed fiscal year 2005-2006 budget with residents and the second was to discuss the proposed 2005 tax rate. He opened the meeting to public comments.

Resident Charles Kulhanek said he saw the need to raise salaries, particularly those of police officer, to make them competitive with other area agencies. He therefore has no opposition to the proposed tax rate.

Mayor McGrath agreed that personnel salaries and benefit costs are what is driving this budget. There will also be an increase in garbage fees from \$8.80 per household per month to \$9.50. Garbage costs are subject to increases due to increased fuel costs and will have to be studied at least every six months.

There were council comments about how the ECO's costs were spread through the budget as well as street repairs.

There were no further comments about the budget and Councilmember McCann made a motion to close the public hearing on the budget. Councilmember Henley seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During the public hearing to discuss the proposed tax rate, Mayor McGrath said this was the first of two public hearings on the tax rate that would be held. He then noted that the tax rate would stay the same as last year but additional revenues would be collected due to the fact that values in the city have increased 7%. There were no further comments from Council or the audience on the tax rate. Councilmember Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup, to close the public hearing on the tax rate. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary