

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:10 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.

Also present were Police Chief G. Michael Pickett and Police Captains J. Gary Stewart and John Ashton.

Council first discussed police salaries and possible department restructuring. Mayor McGrath said area cities are all hiring police officers at this time and they are very interested in Meadows Place officers since they have all passed background checks and they have all been trained by our Police Department. All area police departments are paying more to police officers than we are. Chief Pickett has derived a plan whereby two of our officers would be laid off and their salaries would be proportionately shared by our remaining officer, bringing Meadows Place police salaries in line with other agencies. Council was receptive to this plan.

Discussing the status of the street repair contract, Mayor McGrath said the contractor is 45 to 60 days behind on repairs. The city can sue for liquidated damages, or we can request the contractor repair other areas, not in the current contract (about eight or nine spots) at original contract costs. If we sue for liquidated damages, we will have to re-bid the new area repairs. Council hoped the current contractor would repair the new areas rather than suing for damages.

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 7:25 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary