



MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M., AT MEADOWS PLACE TRAINING CENTER, 11957 W AIRPORT BLVD., MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS 77477.

A. Call to order and announce a quorum is present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Charles D. Jessup IV, at 5:30 p.m. with the following present.

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV
Tia Baker, Alderman
Kurt Kopczynski, Alderman

David Mertins, Alderman
Rick J. Staigle, Alderman
Kelle Mills, Alderman

Nick Haby, City Administrator

Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary

The following staff were also in attendance: Finance Director, Anna-Maria Weston; Police Chief, Gary Stewart; Assistant Police Chief, Jack Ashton, Parks Director Colene Cabezas; Public Works Director, Rod Hainey; and Communications Director, Cameron Miller

B. Review and discussion of the proposed 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget.

Council and staff reviewed the proposed Municipal Budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. Mr. Haby stated that staff met to put together a balance budget with a 3.5% tax rate. Mr. Haby explained that the proposed budget is budgeting 92.5% of Police salaries. He explained that this adjustment is a huge reason that staff was able to present a balanced budget. Ms. Weston, gave a brief overview of the budget changes for each department as well as projected revenues and expenditures.

Council and staff reviewed different tax rate options between 3.5% and 8% based on estimated home values from Fort Bend Central Appraisal District. Council agreed to meet on August 2nd at 5:30 p.m. to set the tax rate.

C. Review and discuss the proposed 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Water and Sewer Budget.

Ms. Weston gave brief presentation on utility revenue versus utility expenditures. She stated that current expenditures are more than the revenue. Council and staff discussed possible water and sewer rate changes.

The reviewed options for commercial and residential to increase the base rate, increase per 1,000 gallons rates, and options to increase both the base rate and per 1,000 gallons rate. They reviewed rate increases of 5% to 10% for the per 1,000 gallons over a five (5) year period. They also discussed increasing the Water Surface Rate to \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons.

Council agreed to increase the residential and commercial utility rates by 10% annually for five (5) years. They agreed to adjust the residential rate for over 20,000 to \$2.51 effective August 1st and then 10% annually after that for five (5) years.

Council and staff reviewed commercial utility rates. Mr. Hainey explained that Public Works is working to replace commercial meters since the current meters are very old. He explained that newer rates will increase revenue as they will be more accurate.

Council agreed to increase the rate increase for Chuck E Cheese and Northern Tool by 5%.

Council directed staff to bring an ordinance to adjust rates to the July 26, 2022, Council meeting. Staff will also bring rates for the residential irrigation meters. This rate will include the installation cost, tap fee, and meter.

D. Review and discuss the proposed 2022-2021 Municipal Budget Tax Rate, Revenue and Expenditures projections.

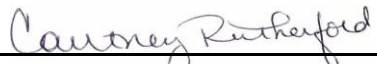
Council and staff reviewed Tax Rate, Revenue and Expenditures projections in item B with the proposed budget.

E. ADJOURN

Alderman Mertins made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Baker seconded the motion. There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on July 26, 2022.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Charles D. Jessup IV, Mayor

