

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop 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.

Council discussed the Phase 2 Parks Project with Parks and Recreation Directors Terry Modeland and Monya Keenen. Two bids were received and both were very much over what had been expected. The package included lights and fencing of the tennis courts, an upgrade to McDonald Park, trail signs, pool decking, a spray toy at the pool and more. We had budgeted \$100,000.00 (\$50,000 from city funds and \$50,000 from a matching grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) for this project and the lowest bid was \$199,000. Much of the expense lies in the design for the foundation. Mrs. Modeland checked with the TP&WD who said our project scored high enough that some of the items could be omitted. By serving as our own contractor and redesigning the foundation and omitting all but the lights, fence, interpretive signs and trail distance markers, we can complete the project. Councilmembers Staigle and McCann agreed to work with the Parks Department on the design. Another report will be ready for next month's meeting.

Council then discussed promotional efforts for the city. Mayor McGrath said he and Councilmember Jessup recently had lunch with Meadows Elementary School Principal Irma Cobos. She said she would like to see us promote the city to continue to attract quality people. Mayor McGrath said he would like to meet with a PR professional to give us ideas on how to do this. We already have a web site and had printed pamphlets in the past. We have some ideas from the vision process meeting we participated in with Knudson and Associates. We need to be pro-active. Perhaps we can utilize some EDC funds for this project. The initial stage of the project is expected to cost about \$10,000. At the end of this process, we hope to have a marketing plan for the city.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Jessup made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary