

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF APRIL 25, 2006
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:05 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: Charles Jessup
Joe McCann
David Piwonka
Rick Staigle

and the following absent:

Alderman: Terry Henley

thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Charles Kulhanek and David Wilkens.

Council first discussed a proposed franchise with CenterPoint Energy. Mayor McGrath explained that in 1985 the city signed a fifty year franchise agreement with Houston Lighting & Power (now CenterPoint Energy) for a 4% gross revenue franchise. This amount is based on 4% of all the electricity used in our city. A new agreement was reached with the City of Houston and CenterPoint would like to get all area cities the same deal. This will result in financial benefits to the city as well as well as extend the agreement for eleven more years (to 2046.) There is no downside to this ordinance which appears on tonight's regular council agenda.

Council then discussed the status of the former Garden Ridge property. Mayor McGrath said he had met with Mr. Sied Sour of Benchmark Engineering who represented the property owners, Sue Darcy of Knudson & Associates and Joe and Dana Edwards with Bureau Veritas. The background on a proposed TIRZ was presented which would result in approximately 200 town home units being built on the property, each with an approximately value of \$225,000. Mayor McGrath said the owner's representative seemed interested.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Jessup made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McCann to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary