

MINUTES OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
OF OCTOBER 24, 2006
CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The joint public hearing of the Meadows Place City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Meadows Place was called to order at 7:05 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: Terry Henley
Charles Jessup
Charles Kulhanek
Rick Staigle
Dave Wilkens

P&Z Commissioners: Theresa Bathe
Bob McDonald
E.J. Messarra
Bryan Swinney

P&Z Alternate: Travis Tanner

and the following absent: Steve Gardner

thus constituting a quorum of both bodies.

Mayor McGrath said the purpose of this meeting was to hold joint public hearing before the City Council of the City of Meadows Place and the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Meadows Place to hear any and all persons desiring to be heard on or in connection with any matter or question involving a proposal to consider amending Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows Place, entitled "Planning and Zoning Regulations," Article X entitled "Signs." Section 24-1008 entitled "Signs – Residential," subsection (4) limiting the amount of time before an election when political signs can be placed. The Zoning Ordinance addressed the fact that political signs must be removed no later than five days after an election but it does not limit how many days before an election a candidate's signs may be placed in a residential yard before an election. Thirty days before an election has been suggested as a fair and proper time.

Mayor McGrath asked for comments from the audience on the matter. Mr. Gary Littlejohn said he thought it was proper to limit the time both before and after an election for political signs to be allowed in residential yards.

Councilmember Kulhanek said he thought all areas of the yard, including the front windows should be addressed. Wording on the amendments should address all areas where a sign could be displayed.

There were no further comments from the audience, Planning & Zoning members or Council. Mayor McGrath said Planning and Zoning would hold a meeting to discuss their recommendation of this matter immediately following this meeting. Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jessup to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Wilkens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Kulhanek seconded this motion and with unanimous approval the public hearing was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary