



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION AND BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2018 AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477

A. Call to Order and announce a quorum is present

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jessup at 8:30 a.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV	City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford
Alderman, Terry J. Henley	Alderman, Rick J. Staigle
Alderman, Steven H. Bezner	Alderman, Kelle K. Mills

Mayor Pro Tem, John F. Isbell arrived at 10:38 p.m.

Public Works Director, Danny Segundo was also present.

B. Review and discuss the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

1. Discussion regarding the current Sex Offender Lawsuit.

Mayor Jessup stated that the current sex offender lawsuit was officially dismissed, and the defendant was moved out of the City. He stated that the defendant is currently appealing four (4) citations in court and still has 17 pending in our Court. He talked with legal counsel and they advised that it would be best to dismiss those cases since the defendant has moved and the other case has been dismissed. The Council agreed that it would be better economically for the City to dismiss the cases.

2. Review and discuss the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget, including Expenditures and Revenue Projections.

Mayor Jessup reminded Council that they have previously reviewed expenditures with the Department Heads, but there are still a few items for Council to review. Council reviewed revenues, possible increase in homestead tax exemption increases, city vehicles, salaries, moving funds to a capital improvement account for facilities maintenance, and the increase in the WCID Surface Water Rate.

Alderman Bezner stated that he would like Council to consider setting the excess funds in the Police Department salaries into a capital funds line item to prepare for facilities expansion for the Police Department. He would like for Council to look at adding to this line at the end of each fiscal year to expand the Police Department. Council briefly reviewed the item and asked the City Secretary to put a budget amendment on the August 28th agenda.

There was a brief discussion among Council regarding the WCID Surface Water Rate increase. The City is looking at a \$0.36 increase per one thousand (1,000) gallons. This

is a state mandated fee that the City must pay. Council reviewed utility revenue and agreed that this fee needs to be passed on to the residents in order to cover the cost. Council asked the City Secretary to put an item on the August 28th agenda increasing the Surface Water Rate \$0.36.

Alderman Henley stated that he would like Council to consider an increase in the tax exemptions for homestead and over 65. Alderman Bezner stated that he would be in favor to increase the tax exemption for the homestead, because that would affect all residents in the City. The current exemption is 13%. There was discussion among Council regarding the percentage increase. Council asked the City Secretary to put an item on the August 28th agenda increasing the homestead tax exemption to 20%.

3. Discussion and possible action to consider Resolution No. 2018-20, setting the maximum proposed tax rate, setting dates for any necessary public hearings on the proposed tax rate; and setting the date City Council will adopt the fiscal year 2018-2019 tax rate.

Council briefly reviewed dates and times for the upcoming public hearings on the proposed tax rates.

Alderman Staigle, moved set August 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for the first public hearing and September 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for the second public hearing to allow for public comment on the proposed tax rate. Alderman Henley seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Isbell, Staigle, Henley, Bezner, and Mills

Nays: None

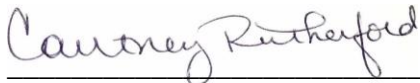
The motion carried.

C. Adjourn

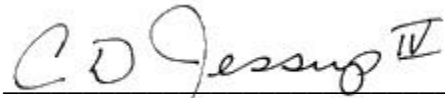
There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Staigle made a motion to adjourn the Special Session and Budget Workshop Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henley and with unanimous approval the budget workshop meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

These minutes were approved by the City Council on Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

