



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M., AT MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS 77477.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor St. Germain at 6:34 p.m.

Audrey St. Germain, Mayor
Tia Baker, Alderman

David Mertins, Alderman
Kelle Mills, Alderman

Mayor Pro Tem Rick Staigle and Alderman and Kurt Kopczynski were not present.

Nick Haby, City Administrator

Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary

The following staff were also in attendance: Communications Director, Cameron Miller; and Finance Director; Anna-Maria Weston; and Public Works Director, Rod Hainey.

1. Conduct Public Hearing before the City Council of the City of Meadows Place, Texas to hear any and all persons desiring to be heard concerning City of Meadows Place Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Mayor St. Germain introduced the item and opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. Before taking public comment the Finance Director, Anna-Maria Weston, gave a brief presentation explaining how City Council and staff drafted the proposed budget.

Mayor St. Germain then called for public comment from the audience.

Mike Bezner, resident, questioned the voter approved tax rate. Mr, Haby explained that the three property tax rates. He wanted to know what rate would require an election. Alderman Staigle stated that if the City adopts a rate over the De Minimus Tax Rate an election would be required. He also questioned the infrastructure funds. Alderman Staigle stated that the infrastructure funds are dedicated to infrastructure maintenance and repairs. He wants the city to fund maintenance of sidewalks, streets, and water and sewer infrastructure.

Alderman Mertins explained that the proposed budget is supported by the current tax rate of \$0.799610, but there is no extra funding towards infrastructure.

Terry Henley, resident at 12203 Alston Dr, stated that he’s been involved in budgets and tax rates for several years. He stated that the city needs to keep a tax rate under an 8% increase and \$500,000 in additional revenue. He also questioned the proposed valorem taxes for the 2024-2025 budget. Alderman Staigle explained that the ad valorem includes new builds like Tim Horton’s and those values are not used when calculating the tax rate. He questioned the extra funds being used strictly for infrastructure improvements. City Council stated that the extra funds collected for tax

revenue would be used for infrastructure improvements.

With no one else signing up to speak, Mayor St. Germain closed the Joint Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

2. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. 2024-33 approving and adopting the City of Meadows Place Municipal Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-33 approving and adopting the City of Meadows Place Municipal Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. Alderman Mertins seconded the motion.

The record vote follows:

Aldermen Baker	Aye
Alderman Staigle	Aye
Alderman Mertins	Aye

Aldermen Kurt Kopczynski and Kelle Mills were not present.

Mayor St. Germain was present, but did not vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion and consideration Ordinance No. 2024-34 amending the Utility Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, increasing line item 300-046-567000, Utility Water Maintenance and Repairs, \$55,300 from the Utility Fund balance to complete a Lead and Copper inspections per TCEQ requirements.

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-34 amending the Utility Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, increasing line item 300-046-567000, Utility Water Maintenance and Repairs, \$55,300 from the Utility Fund balance to complete a Lead and Copper inspections per TCEQ requirements. Alderman Baker seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Mertins, Baker, and Staigle.

Nays: None

Aldermen Kopczynski and Mills were not present.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and consideration of Ordinance No. 2024-35 amending the General Fund Budget

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, increasing line item 100-040-520510, Public Works Vehicle Purchase, \$45,000 from the General Fund balance to purchase a new vehicle for public works.

Alderman Staigle moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-35 amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, increasing line item 100-040-520510, Public Works Vehicle Purchase, \$45,000 from the General Fund balance to purchase a new vehicle for public works. Alderman Mertins seconded the motion.

Alderman Staigle asked if the old vehicle would be kept or sold. Mr. Hainey stated that the old vehicle, a Ford Explorer, is in need of repair and costs more than the value of the vehicle, therefore it will be declared surplus and auctioned.

The vote follows:

Ayes: Aldermen Mertins, Baker, and Staigle.

Nays: None

Aldermen Kopczynski and Mills were not present.

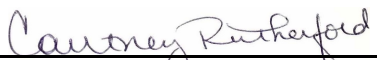
The motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjourn

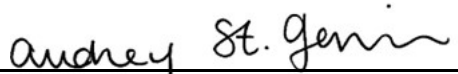
There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on August 27, 2024.

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Audrey St. Germain, Mayor

