

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF JANUARY 26, 2010
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup, 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 Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Charles Jessup

Aldermen: Heidi Case
Terry Henley
Charles Kulhanek
Rick Staigle

and the following absent:

Alderman: Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Council members Kulhanek and Case talked about information from other cities concerning Fun Runs. They stated that other cities (Stafford, Sugar Land, Missouri City) do not have any formal policies. Houston has requirements but no policies. Their recommendation was to allow up to two Fun Runs to take place in our city per year with all work (preparations, advertisements, security and clean up) to be the responsibility of the sponsoring party. There was some concern with having them on designated Garage Sale dates and the suggested time to have all roadblocks removed was 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Jessup said he spoke with the Police Chief about a "Return to Work - Light Duty Policy" that would encompass all city departments. As this seems to primarily affect the Police Department, it was suggested the Chief check other cities for their policy(s). It was also suggested he check with TML for their input. The subject will be revisited at a later date.

Council then discussed the Zoning requirements for allowing a Tattoo Parlor to open our city. Currently there is no regulation to stop them, as long as they are in a business section of the city. A request had been received for such an establishment which currently operates in Chicago near the Chicago University campus. It is not believed the same caliber of folks resides in this immediate neighborhood and there was some concern about the potential for gang activity. The Planning and Zoning Commission would need to be involved to tighten up our current ordinance. The Mayor will speak with our City Attorney to further discuss the subject.

Council then discussed comments received during the Public Meeting held on January 19th. They realize most residents are comfortable with allowing anyone to hold a garage sale on any of four designated weekends throughout the year without first obtaining a permit.

Discussing the MCIA, Mayor Jessup noted while several residents had submitted a resume indicating they were willing to serve on this Board, only five were at the mandatory Meeting held on January 14th to listen to what the City Attorney said their duties and responsibilities would be. Mayor Jessup will discuss the next step with the City Attorney.

Discussing businesses that have left our city, Mayor Jessup said he has been in contact with the corporate owners of the Golden Corral Restaurant who said they are not interested in opening another franchised operation at this location. The building is for sale. Mayor Jessup visited a Ryan's Steak House on Highway Six and thought this might be a good location for that establishment but the corporate owners of Ryan's said they were not interested in expanding. Burger King has also left the city and a suggestion was made to see if Tornado Tacos might be interested in taking their place. Mayor Jessup said he was still interested in meeting with representatives of Cushman Wakefield Realtors for their input.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Staigle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary