

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 21, 2011
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:00 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:	Terry Henley Heidi Case Shirley Isbell John Whiteman Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Council discussed the revenue, administration and court budgets for 2011 - 2012.

First discussed were revenues. Preliminary figures from the Central Appraisal District indicate our taxable value for 2011 will be \$1,636,552. This is \$89,886 less than last year. Keeping the tax rate the same for this year, Council felt they could budget \$1,755,403 for ad valorem tax revenue. While we expect to receive additional sales taxes due to the two new restaurants, Council felt it would be prudent to budget just \$10,000 more than last year, increasing that amount to \$460,000. No funds are expected to be received from mixed beverage taxes. If a Specific Use Permit is granted to Texas Direct Auto, Council felt \$20,000 could be budgeted for license and permit income. If not, then the amount should be left at \$4,000. The amount budgeted for franchise revenues should remain at \$230,000 and for fines and forfeitures the amount budgeted could be \$400,000. Newsletter advertising should remain at \$14,000. No funds were expected to be received in supply and equipment sales as there will be no police vehicles sold next year. Recreation center and pool center rentals should remain as is - \$9,000 and \$450 respectively. Amounts to be budgeted for pool passes is \$2,000 and for tennis court passes is \$450. Interest earned revenue is decreasing - budgeted is \$2,000.

Council then discussed Court expenditures. They feel they can decrease the overtime earnings budget and the TWC expense budget to \$250 each. Miscellaneous expenses can be decreased to \$500, and office supplies to \$2,500. Most of the rest of the court expenditures will remain the same.

Council then discussed the Administration expenditures. They propose increasing the legal fee budget to \$60,000, payroll services to \$5,000, financial services to \$3,000, inspector fees to \$5,000, Consulting Building Official fees to \$10,000, computer fees to \$12,500 and employee relations expenses to \$1,500. They propose decreasing the fees for Newsletter printing to \$18,000 and for utilities to \$10,000 based on this year's budget actual figures.

Discussing the Utility budget, Mayor Jessup noted that water is being lost from meters that have aged and no longer register correctly. He is proposing new, radio read meters be installed. The cost of these meters is to be looked at.

Additional expenses are expected to be needed in the City's administration department due to the anticipated retirement of the City Secretary next August.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Case, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary