

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 26, 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 problems at the Sewer Treatment Plant. Mayor Jessup stressed that, while the problems are grave, our STP was never in violation if any State or Federal laws. The problem was first discovered when Public Utilities Director Dan McGraw noticed that there appeared to be too much algae in one of the tanks. Upon further examination, Mr. McGraw noticed the sludge had not been removed for a very long time. This all happened since Mr. McGraw did numerous updates to the plant that were completed approximately eight months ago. We are very unhappy with the service received from our contractor and have exercised our sixty (60) day option for cause. Mayor Jessup is looking into his options with three other sewer plant operator companies.

Discussing elections, since SB 100 has been passed, many counties are having a difficult time promising that election equipment will be available to cities for their even year May elections. Cities have three options. They can decide to change their election dates to November, joining with county and federal elections; they can only have elections in May of odd numbered years, which would eliminate staggered terms; or they can stay the way they are and hope the county can provide them with election equipment. At a meeting held in Sugar Land on July 21st, Fort Bend County Election Administrator John Oldham said the thought the county could still service us although it would require the city entering into a joint election agreement with every entity in the county holding an election as well as the possibility of fewer voting machines in each polling place and a possible reduction in the number of early voting polling places in the county. At this time the city will stay with May elections.

Discussing city emails, Mayor Jessup said he would like to see any emails leaving city computers to have the same signature. He plans to ask Kristina in the Parks Department to help with this task.

Discussing the West Airport project, Mayor Jessup said we are still looking into the possibility of adding a left turn lane into Kelley's restaurant. While they have initially agreed to pay for this, discussions have been put on hold while the management of Kelley's recovers from an unexpected death in the family. There are still some tree issues with Sugar Grove Church of Christ that should be able to be solved. The bid process shouldn't cost too much and we should be ready to go out for bids in September or October.

Discussing business development, Councilmember Isbell asked Council's help in contacting those recipients of the free paint to keep them in the loop. She also noted that the Houston area is the number one in the Top Ten cities for new homes being built. She would like help from the EDC members in contacting new businesses that might be a fit for our city. She also requested the city pay her \$300.00 registration fee to the George Foundation Leadership Training course which is expected to meet monthly.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Case made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary