

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:08 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 (arrived at approximately 6:20)
Shirley Isbell
John Whiteman
Dave Wilkens

and the following absent:

Heidi Case

thus constituting a quorum.

Council discussed the audit engagement letter.

Discussing the budget, Mayor Jessup said the tax rate that would need to be adopted this evening to support the budget is \$0.0898687 with \$0.709480 allocated to Maintenance and Operations and \$0.189207 allocated to the Interest and Sinking Fund.

Councilmember Henley said approving the EDC budget as it is on the agenda will result in the EDC having \$66,400 additional revenues than expenses next fiscal year.

Mayor Jessup passed around a booklet created by Code Enforcement Officer Kathi Sutton which showed dated pictures of residences that have one or more tarp covered vehicles visible from the street. Mayor Jessup said he would like to hold one or two Public Hearings on the issue to understand how neighbors feel about the tarps. While Council does not want to get into legislating petty issues, it is believed that the tarp covered vehicles can have a detracting effect on residential property values. Councilmember Wilkens asked that we inquire about the manner which other cities are handling this issue. It was agreed to address this issue at next month's Council workshop meeting.

Discussing Texas Direct Auto, Mayor Jessup said they are letting out bids on fences and they expect that their total renovations will be completed within a year.

The Mayor and Dan McGraw met with two other wastewater treatment plant operator companies. Both would like to bid on our contract when the current contract expires. Because Southwest Water cleaned up their problems and promised a clean, well kept plant in the future, we will keep them at least until the end of their contract, unless their actions force us to end the contract sooner.

Mayor Jessup told Council that permit forms are being updated and will soon be available to download from our website. Also, we are looking into ways to move forward with payroll - perhaps with computer driven or thumb print types of employee access.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Wilkens 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