

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2011
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:05 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
Shirley Isbell
John Whiteman
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were City Attorneys Grady Randle and Timothy Kirwin.

Mr. Randle began with a discussion of the legal dos and don'ts for Mayor and City Council. He touched on many Attorney General opinion's and stressed the danger of what could be construed as a "walking quorum" of City Council members, either in person, on the telephone or via emails.

Mr. Kirwin then discussed the Food Ordinance as it appears on tonight's agenda. He explained our current Food Ordinance was severely outdated. Adopting tonight's ordinance would delete the old ordinance and adopt a new ordinance more up-to-date, giving Council the right to appoint our qualified code enforcement officer more authority with food handlers and food establishments

Mrs. Herff explained that the Payroll change was on schedule.

Mayor Jessup said the Retail Coach will have a press release ready soon and a joint meeting with the EDC Board will be held in January.

Also on tonight's agenda is an ordinance which preserves the right of the City to tax tangible personal property in transit, which would otherwise be exempt from taxation pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 11.253, should the need arise in the future, as well as the presentation of the audit for fiscal year 2010-2011 and a public hearing on car tarps. Mayor Jessup apologized for not having contacted a candidate to be appointed to the Board of Adjustments and hoped we could postpone this item.

Council then discussed the Kirkwood project. Councilmember Whiteman noted that currently the project is on the H-GAC 2011 - 2014 Houston Transportation Improvement Program as roundabouts. He presented Council with a draft ordinance which would modify the project, making Kirkwood four lanes without roundabouts. He would like to see this ordinance on the January meeting agenda.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary