

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS 77477.

A. Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Charles D. Jessup IV, at 6:00 p.m. with the following present.

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV	Mayor Pro-Tem, Kelle Mills arrived at 6:10 p.m.
Alderman, David Mertins	Alderman, Tia Baker
Aldermen, Rick J. Staigle	Alderman, Kurt Kopczynski
Nick Haby, City Administrator	City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford

City Attorney, Grady Randle and Judge Bret Kisluk were also attendance.

Staff also in attendance were Police Chief Stewart, Assistant Police Chief Ashton, and Public Works Director Rod Hainey.

B. Discussion regarding traffic control devices in the City of Meadows Place.

Mayor Jessup stated that the reconstruction of Dorrance Lane prompted this item.

City Attorney, Grady Randle, gave brief overview of Chapter 70 in the City of Meadows Place Code of Ordinances regarding traffic signs and stop signs. The current ordinance states that signs installed prior to the passing of that ordinance are deemed valid. He also said that per the Traffic Law Manual the city should use its best judgment in installing stop signs.

Alderman Staigle stated Traffic Engineers would have a different opinion regarding stop signs. He stated that two-way stops are legal and all-way stops have more legal requirements.

Mr. Randle stated that the city has no additional liability if all-way stops are installed or removed, however the city does have maintenance liability.

There was brief discussion regarding traffic stops initiated at stop signs and the liability when a more serious crime if found due to that stop. Chief Stewart stated the usually the traffic stop would be issued as a warning and the probable cause for filing other charges.

Mr. Haby reminded Council that the Dorrance Lane reconstruction is in the design phase now which is almost complete and additional funding would be needed for traffic study.

Council agreed that the stops signs will remain in current positions in the design of Dorrance Lane reconstruction.

Council did ask that staff look into getting electronic speed limit signs that show current speed and flash slow down when driving over the posted speed limit.

C. Discussion related to Right of Way Maintenance Responsibility in Meadows Place.

There was brief discussion among Council and staff regarding the ordinance recently passed stating that is it the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain vegetation in the right-ofway. Alderman Staigle asked if this includes side yards and Council agreed that this does include side yards.

Council agreed not to change the ordinance at this time.

D. Adjourn

Alderman Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Mertins seconded the motion. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

These minutes were approved by City Council on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

ATTEST:

Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary

CD Jessup II Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

