

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
JANUARY 7, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The special workshop meeting of Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Joe McCann Mark McGrath

thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Leo Haas, Planner in the HL&P Corporate Office and Richard Wagner, Service Consultant and Georgianna Nicholas, District Manager from the Sugar Land office as well as B.L. Abbott, City Engineer.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed ordinance regulating utility poles in Meadows.

Mayor McDonald explained the purpose of the ordinance was for council to have a say on what happens on the two major thoroughfares, Kirkwood Road and West Airport. The ordinance is not meant to provide a hardship to utilities. The ordinance will require all utility easements (including secured aerial easements) to be noted on the plat before any permits are issued.

Mr. Wagner explained the various possibilities available to HL&P when placing their utility poles. Mr. Haas explained the requirements HL&P must follow to insure the reliability of its product as well as protect the company from liabilities. Mayor McDonald noted all of this information was very informative and helpful to council.

There being no further items to discuss, Alderman McCann made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting. Alderman Henley seconded this motion and, with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
OF  
JANUARY 28, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The Joint Public Hearing of the Meadows City Council and Meadows Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Jim McDonald

Aldermen: Craig Kress  
Joe McCann  
Mark McGrath  
David Piwonka

Commissioners: Leen Zellers  
Mark Looney  
Jerry Sides

and the following absent:

Alderman Terry Henley

Commissioners: John Perry  
Eric Brand

thus constituting a quorum.

Mayor McDonald noted that Alderman Henley was on the way home from a business trip to Austin and would hopefully arrive soon.

Mayor McDonald stated the purpose of the public hearing was to hear any and all persons desiring to be heard on or in connection with any matter or question involving a proposal to amend Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows, entitled "PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS," by specifically amending Article V, "Zoning Regulations," Division 1, entitled "Zoning Districts and Regulations of General Applicability," Section 24-513, entitled "Landscaping, Screening and Buffering," by adding thereto a new subsection (i), "Screening of parking areas and parking structures in commercial uses,".

There were no comments from the audience. Planning and Zoning Chairman Leen Zellers noted the change will affect how vehicles in parking garages are seen (or not seen) from street level view. Commissioner Sides requested the ordinance include wording that the performance standards of Section 24-511 must also be adhered to when designing parking garages. There were no other comments and Mayor McDonald said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene at 7:30 for the regularly scheduled council meeting.

Alderman McGrath made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McCann seconded the motion and, with unanimous approval, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
JANUARY 28, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. A town meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday evening May 28, 1997 at Meadows Elementary School. This time a second microphone will be available. It will be an open meeting - any subject may be discussed.

2. Due to serious pot holes on West Airport, the street has been closed between Kirkwood and Dairy Ashford. Although the pot holes have been repaired many times, heavy rains have continued to wash out the fill material. A metal plate was even used for a few days to allow vehicles to travel over the worst of the pot holes. There is a leak in the storm sewer in the area which has caused the street to sink in this area. While the street is closed, several catch basins will also received needed repairs. The street is expected to be closed for at least one to two weeks, depending on the weather.

3. The City should be ready within a month to six weeks to go out for bids on a third water well. It is still anticipated the project will cost in the \$1.2 million dollar range. There are approved but unsold bonds available to cover the cost of the project. It is hoped to pay off these bonds without increasing the tax rate. Information will be printed in the March and April Newsletters about this project.

4. The Dairy Ashford and West Airport road widening projects are still moving along. A contract should be let at the end of this year. The installation of sound barrier walls is being studied. If sound barriers are erected, the project will be very expensive with a cost of about \$250,000 to \$300,000 to the city alone.

5. The timing of the traffic light at West Airport and Dairy Ashford does not seem to be correct. Sugar Land had agreed that a study should be done and they are waiting for a new traffic control box to arrive before they conduct the study.

There were no comments from the audience.

There were no comments from council.

Council and employees were recognized for their years of service to the city as follows: Jim McDonald - 13 years; Steven Dewey, Judy Forrest, Bernard Harrington, Dan McGraw, Chuck Smith and Patty Spade - 4 years each.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MEADOWS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE  
CHIEF OF POLICE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE  
GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR GRANT  
FUNDS.

This resolution will allow application for a third year of grant funds. Alderman Henley made a motion to approve the resolution,



numbered 97-01, as presented. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE MEADOWS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND DIRECTORS OF THE MEADOWS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1998.

Mayor McDonald said he was proposing all five members be reappointed to the Corporation. Alderman Piwonka made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered 97-01, appointing Terry Henley, Harry Hamilton, Bob Graf, Mike Read and Margaret Sandlin members of the Meadows Economic Development Corporation for a term ending December 31, 1998. Alderman Kress seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING REGULAR AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, (CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION) FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1997, AND ENDING ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1999, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS.

Mayor McDonald said he was proposing to reappoint the current members and alternate to the Commission. He noted that the other members terms were not up for renewal yet as the terms are staggered. Alderman McCann made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered 97-02, appointing Eric Brand, Mark Looney and Jerry Sides as members and Ken Wright as an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a two year term. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING BOTH REGULAR AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS COMMENCING ON JANUARY 28, 1997, PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS.

Mayor McDonald said he was proposing that current members Eric Brand, Phil Carey and John Whiteman be reappointed to the Board. It was noted that it is acceptable for the same person to serve on both the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment at the same time. Alderman Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered 97-03, appointing Eric Brand, Phil Carey and John Whiteman to two year terms as members of the City of Meadows' Board of Adjustment. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which passed with unanimous approval.

Mayor McDonald then appointed Clyde Little, Charles Jessup, Heidi Case, Dick Marshall, Beverly Hickel and Bryant Parker to a new Park Improvement Committee. He remarked that these appointments did not require an ordinance to be effective. The committee is being formed to study the city's parks and to note what is necessary to bring them up to or keep them in a good condition and how to increase the longevity and usage of the city's parks. They will also consider passive recreation needs such as picnic grounds and pathways. They will hold monthly meetings and draft a set of goals to make our park system one to be proud of. The city's Parks and Recreation Directors will also attend the monthly meetings. Clyde Little will chair the committee. He will provide monthly minutes and make verbal reports to council when requested. A recommendation will be made to council, hopefully at the same time the Infrastructure Committee makes theirs, as to expected costs of recommended improvements.



Alderman Henley asked if the different sports clubs were represented. He was told that all the major sports clubs were represented as well as people who actively worked in establishing our original parks. The committee members represent a good cross section of our community. Mayor McDonald gave his appreciation to the members of the committee who have agreed to serve.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, AND FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS TO RENEW, EXTEND AND CONTINUE FOR 1997 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR ACCESS BY THE CITY OF MEADOWS TO A PUBLIC RADIO SYSTEM.

While Missouri City also has a tower and is willing to allow access to it to the city, they are in the process of selling parts of the tower to the City of Sugar Land. Proposed rates appear to be higher than what the county offers and it seems wise to continue with the county system for at least another year. Alderman McGrath made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered 97-04, to allow the city access to a Public Radio System. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 1997, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICIALS, PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.

Mayor McDonald said whether to put the question of a name change for the city as a nonbinding referendum on the ballot will be decided later. He proposed to set the date to canvas the election on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. Alderman McCann made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered 97-05, calling for an election on May 3, 1997, to elect city officials and to canvas the election on May 5, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. Alderman Henley seconded this motion which passed with unanimous approval.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES BETWEEN FORT BEND COUNTY AND THE FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF SUGAR LAND AND CITY OF MISSOURI CITY IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

Alderman Henley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka, to approve the ordinance, numbered 97-06, authorizing the contract for election services between the City of Meadows, Fort Bend County and the Fort Bend I.S.D., City of Sugar Land and the City of Missouri City.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS" ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," SECTION 9-2, ENTITLED "ADOPTION OF CODES," AND SUBSECTION (2), ENTITLED "ELECTRICAL CODE," BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SUBLETTERED SECTION, WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS "SUBLETTERED SECTION V.," TO



PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR  
DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO LINES AND CONDUITS.

This ordinance will require a site plan to show where all utilities will be placed before site plan approval may be given. The site plan will have to be approved before a permit to place a utility pole will be given. Alderman Piwonka made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered 97-07, requiring the additional requirement for documentation relating to lines and conduits. Alderman Henley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.


The next item on the agenda was consideration of and action on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows by adding thereto a new Chapter 31, entitled "Utilities," Article I, entitled "In General," and Article II, entitled "Utility Poles," to provide a mechanism for the regulation of public utilities in the City of Meadows and the placement of lines and facilities in a subterranean, underground area. Mayor McDonald explained that the legal department of HLP still has some problems with the way this ordinance is worded. He suggested council table the ordinance one more time and instruct the city's legal counsel to get together with HL&P's legal counsel on wording so that the ordinance will be ready to be passed at the next meeting. Alderman Piwonka made a motion to table the ordinance and to request City Attorney Firmin Hickey to meet with Houston Lighting & Power's attorney to draft an acceptable ordinance. Alderman Henley seconded this motion which passed with unanimous approval.

City Engineer B.L. Abbott then gave the Infrastructure Committee report. He said the committee has had several meetings. They have studied the underground systems and the history of leak repairs in the city. They have studied the age and conditions of the city streets, sidewalks, curbs and some driveways as well as the history and problems of the two water plants and the sewage treatment plant. They have been informed of the need of a third water well. The historical information is not completed. The committee will now meet to determine the needs of the city's infrastructure for the next twenty years. They will try to break down these needs into five year increments. Estimates for the next year will be ready in time to be included in the new budget. Costs for the next five years will be included in capital budget figures. Costs for years six through twenty will be prepared for a possible bond election. Consulting engineers will be contracted with who will prepare information for a bond issue to include costs for updating the city's infrastructure and parks for the next twenty years. The more information the two study committees can present to the consultants, the better results we can expect.

Alderman Henley made a motion to ratify the expenditure of \$38,370.00 to Court Specialists, Inc. This is for new computer hardware and software for the police department. The system has been installed, officers have been trained and are ready to begin day to day use of the system. \$44,000 was originally budgeted for this item so some savings has been realized. Alderman McGrath seconded Alderman Henley's motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald informed council about a request from the Fort Bend County Economic Development Corporation for support of a surface water supply for the county at Allen's Creek just over the county line in Austin County. They have asked us to send a letter to the Sabine River Authority indicating we are interested and will support the Ft. Bend EDC in this undertaking. Council had no objection to such a letter.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Piwonka made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McCann seconded this motion and, with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FEBRUARY 25, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Jim McDonald

Aldermen: Craig Kress  
Joe McCann  
Mark McGrath

and the following absent:

Aldermen: Terry Henley  
David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. Aldermen Henley and Piwonka were out of town on business and could not return for tonight's meeting but a quorum of council members are present.
2. He is interested in hearing any comments received by council members regarding the new street signs.
3. A notice will appear in the March Newsletter regarding the proposal to sell bonds to build a third water well. Time will be set aside at the next two regular meetings to hear public comments for and against the proposal.
4. The proposed pole ordinance is still being worked on by City Attorney Firmin Hickey and HL&P's counsel. Mayor McDonald believes differences can be worked out.
5. Police Chief Mike Pickett has been instructed to prepare a plan with Officer Nancy Madrid to be ready for next month's meeting for revitalization of the city's Crime Watch program.
6. Purchase has been completed of a small tract of land next to Meadows Texaco for a bank to be built as soon as possible.
7. The last communication with the church people, about two months ago, indicated they would probably start construction very soon.
8. The Parks Committee has held their first meeting, with another scheduled for this Monday evening at City Hall.
9. The Infrastructure Committee is getting ready to set the scope for an engineering study.

There were no comments from the audience.

During council comments, Alderman Kress remarked how professional the new police reports to council looked on their new equipment and requested this comment be passed along to the Police Chief. Alderman McGrath said all the comments he has received regarding the new street signs have been positive with a request for some additional lighting at Kirkwood and West Airport when those new signs are installed.

Chuck Yapel and Don Irby of Null and Associates then presented a draft copy of the audited statements for 1995 - 1996 fiscal year to council for final approval. Mr. Yapel noted an unqualified (clean) opinion was included with the audit. This year the EDC is shown as a component unit of the city in the audit. He said his company appreciated the assistance they received from the city staff while working the audit. Alderman McGrath made a motion to approve the audit as submitted. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.



Council then discussed placement on the May 3, 1997 General Election ballot the question of whether to change the name of the city. Mayor McDonald noted that at the October town meeting, a show of hands on the subject was indecisive. He promised at that time to put the issue on the ballot for a straw vote. Wording might be: "Should the city change its name to a name the postal service would recognize and let us use." If the issue is approved, a committee would be appointed to study suitable names. Council's consensus was that, although the issue raises several questions, it would be a good idea to put it on the ballot. Alderman Kress made a motion to put a straw vote on the May ballot regarding the change of the city's name. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, ENTITLED "PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS," ARTICLE V, ENTITLED "ZONING REGULATIONS," DIVISION 1, ENTITLED "ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY," SECTION 24-513, ENTITLED "LANDSCAPING, SCREENING AND BUFFERING," BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SUBSECTION (i) , "SCREENING OF PARKING AREAS AND PARKING STRUCTURES IN COMMERCIAL USES."

Mayor McDonald noted a joint public hearing with City Council and the Planning Commission was held on January 28, 1997. The Planning Commission met in February to consider comments from the hearing. They have made a favorable recommendation to city council. The changes they requested have been incorporated into the ordinance. Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGrath to approve the ordinance, numbered 97-08, to provide for the requirement of screening of parking areas and parking structures in the City of Meadows. The motion carried unanimously. Alderman Kress said he hoped that the city can now keep the type of screening on the Helfman Ford garage from appearing on future parking garages. Mayor McDonald said the ordinance now gives the Planning Commission and the Building Official some ammunition when it comes to approving plans.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96-28, ADOPTING THE FISCAL 1996-1997 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, AND APPROPRIATING THE SEVERAL SUMS SET UP THEREIN TO THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED.

Mayor McDonald explained that at the time the budget was passed, we were aware of considerable work that needed to be done at water plants one and two. Some of the repairs were completed last year. The larger balance was put out for bid and bids received were higher than anticipated. In order to award the contract for the repairs, \$57,500 must be added to this year's budget. The funds will come from undesignated reserves. Alderman Kress made a motion to approved the ordinance, numbered 97-09, amending the budget by \$57,500. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ARCHAIC INC. FOR REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS FOR EXISTING WATER PLANT NO. 1 AND NO. 2, IN A FORM AS ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

This contract will include replacement of a pressure tank at water plant No. 1 as well as recoating another pressure tank at water plant No. 1 and one at water plant No. 2 and other needed repairs to bring the plants up to requirements. Archaic Inc. was the apparent low




bidder. The company has been checked out by Consulting Engineer Rayburn Cherry. They have the experience and capability to get the work done. Alderman McGrath made a motion to pass the ordinance, numbered 97-09, to award the contract to Archaic Inc. for water plant repairs and replacements. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which passed with unanimous approval.

An expenditure to J. Ram Construction Co. was presented for ratification. \$27,953.00 was for repairs to West Airport. Two major sections of the road were repaired along with several smaller sections. Some new curb drains were installed also. Concrete was poured to an 8" depth. Alderman Kress made a motion to ratify this expenditure to J. Ram Construction Co. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, Mrs. Leen Zellers said she was appreciative of the fact council had so many knowledgeable members. Both Alderman McGrath, from an accounting standpoint, and Alderman Kress, from a Board Member standpoint, have information about water districts that is beneficial when dealing with our utilities and she encouraged Alderman Kress to file for another term of office.

Mrs. Beverly Hickel informed council that Meadows Home and Garden Club will be sponsoring their second annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 26 from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. They are asking for council's support. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Club's scholarship fund.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Kress made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion and, with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary

\*Council reserves the right to limit debate and call for the question if it deems sufficient discussion has taken place and/or if a higher item of priority arises.

February 25, 1997 Regular Meeting  
NUMBER 6 AS LISTED ON AGENDA

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
APRIL 22, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The special workshop meeting of Meadows City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

Also present was Parks Director Terry Modeland.

Council discussed proposed pool policies, i.e. how to control pool admittance. A system similar to what is used in hotel rooms is being considered. The start up cost for such a system will be about \$4,000 which includes \$2,200 for an electromagnetic pool gate. There will be no staff additions since guards will be available on a rotating basis to monitor the system which does not require a stationary employee. Costs and dates were discussed. Council encouraged Mrs. Modeland to put the program into effect on July 15. This will allow information to be disseminated to the residents in both the June and July Newsletters. They felt the cards should contain the city logo on them and should sell for \$5.00 each and that the charge for anyone who enters the pool without a card should also be \$5.00.

Mayor McDonald gave council the good news that the low sales tax check received in the month of April was incorrect due to an error in reporting and the balance should be received with the May check.

Alderman Henley said research conducted showed a sound abatement wall was not a need on West Airport and Dairy Ashford but was needed on Eldridge Road. He did not know why there was a difference in the studies. A public hearing will be held by TxDOT on both road widening projects (Dairy Ashford and West Airport) in early June.

There being no further items to be discussed, Alderman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Alderman McCann, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS WILL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AS FOLLOWS:



One Troyan Drive  
Stafford, Texas 77477  
Tel (281) 983-2950  
Fax (281) 983-2940

7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1997  
MEADOWS CITY HALL  
1 TROYAN DRIVE  
MEADOWS, TEXAS

PURPOSE: REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

1. Call to order.
2. Comments concerning proposed utility pole ordinance.
3. Consideration of and action on an ordinance making certain findings of fact and amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Meadows, Chapter 29, entitled "UTILITIES," by adding thereto a new ARTICLE I, entitled "IN GENERAL," Section 29-2, entitled "Scope," Section 29-3, entitled "Scope of Provisions," Section 29-4, entitled "Failure of a Franchise Utility to Comply With the Code of Ordinances," Section 29-5, entitled "Violation of This Code," Section 29-6, entitled "Service to Comply With Technical Provisions," Section 29-7, entitled "Interpretation, Rules and Regulations," Section 29-8, entitled "Permit Required," Section 29-9, entitled "City Not Liable for Actions of Utilities," and ARTICLE II, entitled "UTILITY POLES," Section 29-31, entitled "Aboveground Utility Poles, Lines and Property Prohibited Without Permit," Section 29-32, entitled "Application for Pole Placement Permit," Section 29-32a, entitled "No Vested Rights," Section 29-33, entitled "Underground Cables, Conduits and Facilities," Section 29-34, City Council Exclusive Right to Determine," Section 29-35, entitled "Specific Prohibitions," and Section 29-36, entitled "The Emergency Replacement of Utility Poles," to provide a mechanism for the regulation of public utilities in the City of Meadows and the placement of lines and facilities in a subterranean, underground area.
4. Presentation of bills:  
Carroll Childers Company \$5,253.87
5. Adjournment.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA WAS POSTED AT MEADOWS CITY HALL ON THE 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 1997, BY 7:00 P.M.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary

(SEAL)

*Read  
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for this.*



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
MAY 8, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The special meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley
	Craig Kress
	Joe McCann
	Mark McGrath
	David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted that he was glad the vote was in favor of changing the city's name to one the post office will recognize.

There were no comments from the audience.

There were no comments from council.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:


AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING  
THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF  
MAY, 1997, IN THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICIALS, TO-WIT:  
ALDERMAN PLACE NO. 4 AND ALDERMAN PLACE NO. 5,  
AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE  
ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS A REFERENDUM TO  
CHANGE THE NAME OF CITY OF MEADOWS TO ALLOW FOR  
POST OFFICE RECOGNITION AS A MAILING ADDRESS.

Mayor McDonald noted that incumbent Terry J. Henley received 296 to challenger Keith Hammons' 249 votes in the race for Alderman, Place No. 4 and that Craig A. Kress received 359 votes in the unchallenged race for Alderman, Place No. 5. Also, 330 "FOR" votes and 211 "AGAINST" votes were cast in the name change referendum. Alderman McCann made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered 97-11, declaring Terry Henley and Craig Kress as victors in the race for Alderman, Place No. 4 and Alderman, Place No. 5 respectively, and declaring the referendum to change the name of City of Meadows to allow for Post Office recognition as a mailing address to have passed. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which passed with unanimous approval.

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There were no further comments from the audience.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Henley made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGrath, to adjourn the meeting and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

  
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Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
APRIL 22, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

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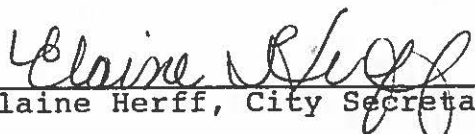
Also present was Parks Director Terry Modeland.

Council discussed proposed pool policies, i.e. how to control pool admittance. A system similar to what is used in hotel rooms is being considered. The start up cost for such a system will be about \$4,000 which includes \$2,200 for an electromagnetic pool gate. There will be no staff additions since guards will be available on a rotating basis to monitor the system which does not require a stationary employee. Costs and dates were discussed. Council encouraged Mrs. Modeland to put the program into effect on July 15. This will allow information to be disseminated to the residents in both the June and July Newsletters. They felt the cards should contain the city logo on them and should sell for \$5.00 each and that the charge for anyone who enters the pool without a card should also be \$5.00.

Mayor McDonald gave council the good news that the low sales tax check received in the month of April was incorrect due to an error in reporting and the balance should be received with the May check.

Alderman Henley said research conducted showed a sound abatement wall was not a need on West Airport and Dairy Ashford but was needed on Eldridge Road. He did not know why there was a difference in the studies. A public hearing will be held by TxDOT on both road widening projects (Dairy Ashford and West Airport) in early June.

There being no further items to be discussed, Alderman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Alderman McCann, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

  
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There were no comments from the Mayor at this time.

There were no audience comments at this time.

Alderman Henley informed council that approval from the HGAC has been received for for the third year funding of the city's criminal justice grant.

Alderman McCann made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 1997 workshop meeting and the March 25, 1997 regular meeting as presented. Alderman Kress seconded this motion which passed with unanimous approval.

Council then considered authorizing the sale of \$1,275,000 of general obligation bonds as previously approved. Mayor McDonald said council has been talking about this project, a third water well, for some time. In the late 1970's voters approved the sale of these water and sewer bonds. We are still waiting approval for the water well from the Fort Bend Subsidence District. The last two city Newsletters contained articles informing the residents that council would be considering the sale of these bonds and the item has been on the agenda for public comments at the last two Economic Development Corporation meetings and the last two City Council regular monthly meetings. The sale should not require an increase in ad valorem taxes. Legal counsel has said that since the bonds have already been approved by the voters, there was no need for further action by council but the item has been styled on the agenda to require a council motion. Mr. R. David Fetzer, President of Moroney, Beissner & Co., Inc., financial advisors for the city, was present to answer council's questions. He said he understands there will be a contract between the City and the City's Economic Development Corporation for payment of the bonds. Mayor McDonald was assured that if the EDC should experience financial problems, the bonds could be added to the City's debt service for repayment. Bond holders will look to the City anyway to repay the bonds since the City has this taxing authority. This will not impact the effective tax rate. Alderman Henley made a motion to authorize the sale of the \$1,275,000 of general obligation bonds for Water Well No. 3, adding that the EDC Board has accepted the project as a good use for EDC funds. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Council then discussed terms of the debt issuance. Mr. Fetzer said the bonds could sell at 5.5% with a ten year pay back, at 5.75% with a fifteen year pay back and at 6% with a twenty year pay back schedule. He is confident Moody's will give the city a high rating. Mayor McDonald said numbers for parks and infrastructure improvements will be ready within a year. Mr. Fetzer did not feel the city would have any trouble selling those bonds either. He said it is normal for a city of this size to issue bonds regularly and



that it is reasonable to put the burden of repayment of these particular bonds on the EDC. He said the shorter the pay back schedule was, the lower the interest rates would be. The sooner council decides on the bond terms the better it will be. Mayor McDonald suggested he meet with Alderman Henley and the EDC Board to look at the amortization schedules provided and make a recommendation. It was noted that the bonds must be sold by mid June if we hope to begin work on the well by mid July. Mr. Fetzer said he will recalculate the amortization schedule for the exact amount of \$1,275,000 first.

Agenda item 8, consideration of the ordinance regulating the placement of utility poles in the city, was to be discussed next. Mayor McDonald noted that late yesterday, some questions from the attorney for HL&P were received by City Attorney Firmin Hickey. A meeting has been scheduled for May 1 to discuss these questions and Mayor McDonald recommended tabling the ordinance one last time. Alderman Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Alderman McCann, to table this item one more time. The motion carried unanimously.

In a related issue, Mayor McDonald said the land owners of the Grove property will still not budge on their position not to grant an easement so that electricity may be provided to the bank on West Airport. Further discussions with the bank, HL&P and their legal counsels will take place.

Alderman McCann then made a motion to pay the bill to Action Sales & Service for \$5,625.00 as presented on the agenda. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman McGrath then made a motion, seconded by Alderman McCann to adjourn the meeting and, with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

  
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
MAY 8, 1997  
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During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted that he was glad the vote was in favor of changing the city's name to one the post office will recognize.

There were no comments from the audience.

There were no comments from council.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 1997, IN THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY OFFICIALS, TO-WIT: ALDERMAN PLACE NO. 4 AND ALDERMAN PLACE NO. 5, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS A REFERENDUM TO CHANGE THE NAME OF CITY OF MEADOWS TO ALLOW FOR POST OFFICE RECOGNITION AS A MAILING ADDRESS.


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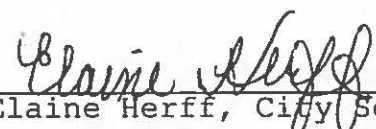
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Justice of the Peace Faye Dettling gave the oath of office to Terry Henley, Alderman Place No. 4 and Craig Kress, Alderman Place No. 5. Both Aldermen were elected in the May 3, 1997 City general election.

During audience comments, Harry Hamilton, 12310 Level Run, noted the eyesore that exists along the drive between Sam's Club and Helfman Ford. The chain link fence has been topped with razor wire which gives the impression of a ghetto or concentration camp. Weeds and brush have been trimmed and left lying on the ground for a long period of time. He noted the City of Missouri City has an ordinance banning the use of razor wire and the City Secretary was asked to obtain a copy of this ordinance.

Carrie May, 11814 Brook Meadows, brought up the subject of speed bumps again. She said while speed bumps may harm the underside of vehicles, including emergency vehicles, that might travel over them at a higher than normal rate of speed, many cities are installing speed humps that are wider and not as high and as dangerous as the bumps. She would like to see these humps installed on all major streets in the city. Mayor McDonald said this subject has come up many times and he will again discuss it with council.

Gerri Messarra, 11827 Meadowcrest Drive, said she didn't know traffic would be so bad along West Airport when she and her husband bought their house on Meadowcrest, backing up to West Airport. Speeding trucks and boom boxes make things move on the walls and shelves of her home. She would like to see Meadows stay a pretty community. Homeowners who put up different fences detract from a uniform look. She thinks sound walls are the answer. Alderman Henley is still gathering information from the HGAC as to why Meadows does not qualify for sound walls but residents along Eldridge Road do. Alderman Kress noted the sound walls are eight to nine feet high and cost \$300 per linear foot.

Alderman Piwonka introduced Chris Minicone, a member of Scout Troop 830 who was in the audience working on his Communication badge.

Alderman McGrath made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 1997 workshop meeting, April 22, 1997 regular meeting and the May 8, 1997 special meeting as submitted. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then introduced his wife Virginia who, on behalf of Meadows Home and Garden Club, presented three scholarships. Mrs. McDonald said she was very pleased to be able to present three, \$1,000 scholarships this year. She thanked the Garden Club members for their hard work and the community for their support of Garden Club projects. Those receiving the scholarships were: Jason Liscum,



(for the second year in a row,) Kelly Henley and Beth Piwonka. Mayor McDonald congratulated the recipients for being such fine, outstanding young citizens.

Mayor McDonald then recognized council members and employees for years of service as follows: David Piwonka - 12 years, Terry Henley 10 years, Craig Kress - 4 years, Joe McCann - 3 years, Mark McGrath - 1 year, Debbie Wood - 12 years, Tommy Tobias - 4 years, Tracy Husdpeth - 2 years, John Ashton - 1 year. Mayor McDonald hoped they enjoyed their years of service as much as we enjoyed their experience.

Mayor McDonald then introduced David Fetzner of Moroney, Beissner and Co, Inc. who reviewed with council a draft of the official notice of sale and official statement for issuance of \$1,275,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 1997. Mr. Fetzner said the sale date for the General Obligation Bonds Series 1997 has been set for June 24, 1997. The debt to assessed value ratio of the city is 2.4%. The city has an excellent tax collection ratio and the current tax rate is one half of the legal limit. If bonds were sold on this night, Mr. Fetzner estimated there would be eight to ten bidders with an interest rate of between 5.25 and 5.5%. Council instructed Mr. Fetzner to proceed with the draft notice.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO SERVE IN SUCH OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR CITY ELECTION.

Alderman McCann nominated Alderman Terry Henley as Mayor Pro Tempore and made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-12, confirming the election of Alderman Henley as Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Meadows to serve in such office until the next regular city election. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 2-4 "OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER," BY PROVIDING SUBSEQUENT TO THE FINAL PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE FORT BEND - SOUTHWEST STAR AS AN ALTERNATIVE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS.

Mayor McDonald noted the Star is again being thrown in the city. The first time it was thrown, it included a message that the practice would continue if the city named it an official newspaper. Mayor McDonald agreed at that time to put the issue on the May city council agenda. Star owner Bev Carter was in the audience. She introduced Barbara Fulenweider as the area reporter. She said the cities of Stafford, Sugar Land and Missouri City all use the Star as their official newspaper. Alderman Henley made a motion to pass the ordinance, No. 97-13, to provide for the inclusion of The Fort Bend - Southwest Star as an alternative official newspaper of the City of Meadows. Alderman Kress seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A PRESIDING JUDGE TO SERVE IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS.

Alderman Piwonka made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-14, and reappoint the current presiding judge, Rosemary Galvan-Schulze, as



presiding judge in the Municipal Court of the City of Meadows. Alderman Henley seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor McDonald read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE TO SERVE IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS.

Alderman Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-15, and reappoint Gene Frohbieter as Associate Judge in the Municipal Court of the City of Meadows. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, CHAPTER 29, ENTITLED "UTILITIES," BY ADDING THERETO A NEW ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," SECTION 29-2, ENTITLED "SCOPE," SECTION 29-3, ENTITLED "SCOPE OF PROVISIONS," SECTION 29-4, ENTITLED "FAILURE OF A FRANCHISE UTILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF ORDINANCES," SECTION 29-5, ENTITLED "VIOLATION OF THIS CODE," SECTION 29-6, ENTITLED "SERVICE TO COMPLY WITH TECHNICAL PROVISIONS," SECTION 29-7, ENTITLED "INTERPRETATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS," SECTION 29-8, ENTITLED "PERMIT REQUIRED," SECTION 29-9, ENTITLED "CITY NOT LIABLE FOR ACTIONS OF UTILITIES," AND ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "UTILITY POLES," SECTION 29-31, ENTITLED "ABOVE GROUND UTILITY POLES, LINES AND PROPERTY PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMIT," SECTION 29-32, ENTITLED "APPLICATION FOR POLE PLACEMENT PERMIT," SECTION 29-32a, ENTITLED "NO VESTED RIGHTS," SECTION 29-33, ENTITLED "UNDERGROUND CABLES, CONDUITS AND FACILITIES," SECTION 29-34, ENTITLED "CITY COUNCIL EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO DETERMINE," SECTION 29-35, ENTITLED "SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS," AND SECTION 29-36, ENTITLED "THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF UTILITY POLES," TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR THE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN THE CITY OF MEADOWS AND THE PLACEMENT OF LINES AND FACILITIES IN A SUBTERRANEAN, UNDERGROUND AREA.

Mayor McDonald reminded council that a number of workshops have been held with council, our legal advisor, HL&P and their legal advisors to work the wording on this ordinance out. Alderman Kress made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-16, as read by Mayor McDonald. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which passed with unanimous approval.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES WITH PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, L.L.P. IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Mayor McDonald said this contract was recommended by the Tax Assessor/Collector. Alderman McGrath made a motion to approve the ordinance, No. 97-17, as submitted. Alderman Henley moved to second the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-22, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS TO PAY TO THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF SUGAR LAND'S COST UNDER THE TxDOT CONTRACT FOR THE COSTS INCURRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO DAIRY ASHFORD ROAD FROM STILES ROAD TO WEST BELLFORT IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

Mayor McDonald said the timetable on the Dairy Ashford/West Airport expansion remains the same, with an anticipated date for the contract to be let in December of 1997. Alderman Piwonka made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-18, as presented. Alderman McGrath seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Council committee reports were next on the agenda. Mayor McDonald indicated the committees may be called upon to give their information at tomorrow evening's town meeting also. Mayor McDonald said the Parks Committee reports indicate that much work has been done. They have identified the scope of their work and have received bids from two firms willing to do the required studies.

Alderman Kress said the Infrastructure Committee is close to, or in the process of, writing the scope of the project. They have studied the water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems as well as roads and the city's water and sewage treatment plants as to their ages and whether or not they meet established codes. The weak link in the city's infrastructure seems to lie in its sanitary sewer system. Gases released into the system are causing the concrete pipe to deteriorate. They will meet with consultants who will confirm their findings and assess the magnitude of the costs involved. The cost for these consultants will be ready for next year's budget.

Another committee has been formed to study water and sewer rates in the city and surrounding areas and to look into the possibility of privatizing these systems.

The name change committee has met several times. They are trying to put old questions to rest. They would like to keep the word "Meadows" in the new name. The post office has indicated the best way to do this would be add a prefix to the word "Meadows." Several names are being thought about. Oak Meadow is currently at the top of the list.

Alderman Henley said the Economic Development Council has not had much activity. This is not unusual once their budget is passed. They have recommended a thirteen year pay back on the bonds and have paid the final bill on the traffic light installation at West Airport and Kirkwood as well as several engineering bills on the West Airport and Dairy Ashford projects.

Alderman Piwonka then made a motion, seconded by Alderman McCann to pay the bill to Contemporary Pools and Spas as presented on the agenda. This motion passed unanimously.

During audience comments, resident Beverly Hickie said she wanted to publicly thank the mayor for fixing the public rest rooms at the park in time for the school carnival and Garden Club's Spring Fling.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Henley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
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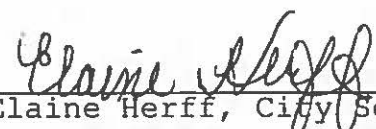
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Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

Justice of the Peace Faye Dettling gave the oath of office to Terry Henley, Alderman Place No. 4 and Craig Kress, Alderman Place No. 5. Both Aldermen were elected in the May 3, 1997 City general election.

During audience comments, Harry Hamilton, 12310 Level Run, noted the eyesore that exists along the drive between Sam's Club and Helfman Ford. The chain link fence has been topped with razor wire which gives the impression of a ghetto or concentration camp. Weeds and brush have been trimmed and left lying on the ground for a long period of time. He noted the City of Missouri City has an ordinance banning the use of razor wire and the City Secretary was asked to obtain a copy of this ordinance.

Carrie May, 11814 Brook Meadows, brought up the subject of speed bumps again. She said while speed bumps may harm the underside of vehicles, including emergency vehicles, that might travel over them at a higher than normal rate of speed, many cities are installing speed humps that are wider and not as high and as dangerous as the bumps. She would like to see these humps installed on all major streets in the city. Mayor McDonald said this subject has come up many times and he will again discuss it with council.

Gerri Messarra, 11827 Meadowcrest Drive, said she didn't know traffic would be so bad along West Airport when she and her husband bought their house on Meadowcrest, backing up to West Airport. Speeding trucks and boom boxes make things move on the walls and shelves of her home. She would like to see Meadows stay a pretty community. Homeowners who put up different fences detract from a uniform look. She thinks sound walls are the answer. Alderman Henley is still gathering information from the HGAC as to why Meadows does not qualify for sound walls but residents along Eldridge Road do. Alderman Kress noted the sound walls are eight to nine feet high and cost \$300 per linear foot.

Alderman Piwonka introduced Chris Minicone, a member of Scout Troop 830 who was in the audience working on his Communication badge.

Alderman McGrath made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 1997 workshop meeting, April 22, 1997 regular meeting and the May 8, 1997 special meeting as submitted. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then introduced his wife Virginia who, on behalf of Meadows Home and Garden Club, presented three scholarships. Mrs. McDonald said she was very pleased to be able to present three, \$1,000 scholarships this year. She thanked the Garden Club members for their hard work and the community for their support of Garden Club projects. Those receiving the scholarships were: Jason Liscum,



(for the second year in a row,) Kelly Henley and Beth Piwonka. Mayor McDonald congratulated the recipients for being such fine, outstanding young citizens.

Mayor McDonald then recognized council members and employees for years of service as follows: David Piwonka - 12 years, Terry Henley 10 years, Craig Kress - 4 years, Joe McCann - 3 years, Mark McGrath - 1 year, Debbie Wood - 12 years, Tommy Tobias - 4 years, Tracy Husdpeth - 2 years, John Ashton - 1 year. Mayor McDonald hoped they enjoyed their years of service as much as we enjoyed their experience.

Mayor McDonald then introduced David Fetzner of Moroney, Beissner and Co, Inc. who reviewed with council a draft of the official notice of sale and official statement for issuance of \$1,275,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 1997. Mr. Fetzner said the sale date for the General Obligation Bonds Series 1997 has been set for June 24, 1997. The debt to assessed value ratio of the city is 2.4%. The city has an excellent tax collection ratio and the current tax rate is one half of the legal limit. If bonds were sold on this night, Mr. Fetzner estimated there would be eight to ten bidders with an interest rate of between 5.25 and 5.5%. Council instructed Mr. Fetzner to proceed with the draft notice.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO SERVE IN SUCH OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR CITY ELECTION.

Alderman McCann nominated Alderman Terry Henley as Mayor Pro Tempore and made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-12, confirming the election of Alderman Henley as Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Meadows to serve in such office until the next regular city election. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 2-4 "OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER," BY PROVIDING SUBSEQUENT TO THE FINAL PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE FORT BEND - SOUTHWEST STAR AS AN ALTERNATIVE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS.

Mayor McDonald noted the Star is again being thrown in the city. The first time it was thrown, it included a message that the practice would continue if the city named it an official newspaper. Mayor McDonald agreed at that time to put the issue on the May city council agenda. Star owner Bev Carter was in the audience. She introduced Barbara Fulenweider as the area reporter. She said the cities of Stafford, Sugar Land and Missouri City all use the Star as their official newspaper. Alderman Henley made a motion to pass the ordinance, No. 97-13, to provide for the inclusion of The Fort Bend - Southwest Star as an alternative official newspaper of the City of Meadows. Alderman Kress seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A PRESIDING JUDGE TO SERVE IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS.

Alderman Piwonka made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-14, and reappoint the current presiding judge, Rosemary Galvan-Schulze, as



presiding judge in the Municipal Court of the City of Meadows. Alderman Henley seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor McDonald read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE TO SERVE IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS.

Alderman Henley made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-15, and reappoint Gene Frohbieter as Associate Judge in the Municipal Court of the City of Meadows. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, CHAPTER 29, ENTITLED "UTILITIES," BY ADDING THERETO A NEW ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," SECTION 29-2, ENTITLED "SCOPE," SECTION 29-3, ENTITLED "SCOPE OF PROVISIONS," SECTION 29-4, ENTITLED "FAILURE OF A FRANCHISE UTILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF ORDINANCES," SECTION 29-5, ENTITLED "VIOLATION OF THIS CODE," SECTION 29-6, ENTITLED "SERVICE TO COMPLY WITH TECHNICAL PROVISIONS," SECTION 29-7, ENTITLED "INTERPRETATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS," SECTION 29-8, ENTITLED "PERMIT REQUIRED," SECTION 29-9, ENTITLED "CITY NOT LIABLE FOR ACTIONS OF UTILITIES," AND ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "UTILITY POLES," SECTION 29-31, ENTITLED "ABOVE GROUND UTILITY POLES, LINES AND PROPERTY PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMIT," SECTION 29-32, ENTITLED "APPLICATION FOR POLE PLACEMENT PERMIT," SECTION 29-32a, ENTITLED "NO VESTED RIGHTS," SECTION 29-33, ENTITLED "UNDERGROUND CABLES, CONDUITS AND FACILITIES," SECTION 29-34, ENTITLED "CITY COUNCIL EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO DETERMINE," SECTION 29-35, ENTITLED "SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS," AND SECTION 29-36, ENTITLED "THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF UTILITY POLES," TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR THE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN THE CITY OF MEADOWS AND THE PLACEMENT OF LINES AND FACILITIES IN A SUBTERRANEAN, UNDERGROUND AREA.

Mayor McDonald reminded council that a number of workshops have been held with council, our legal advisor, HL&P and their legal advisors to work the wording on this ordinance out. Alderman Kress made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-16, as read by Mayor McDonald. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which passed with unanimous approval.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES WITH PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, L.L.P. IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Mayor McDonald said this contract was recommended by the Tax Assessor/Collector. Alderman McGrath made a motion to approve the ordinance, No. 97-17, as submitted. Alderman Henley moved to second the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:



AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-22, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS TO PAY TO THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND A PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF SUGAR LAND'S COST UNDER THE TxDOT CONTRACT FOR THE COSTS INCURRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO DAIRY ASHFORD ROAD FROM STILES ROAD TO WEST BELLFORT IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

Mayor McDonald said the timetable on the Dairy Ashford/West Airport expansion remains the same, with an anticipated date for the contract to be let in December of 1997. Alderman Piwonka made a motion to adopt the ordinance, No. 97-18, as presented. Alderman McGrath seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Council committee reports were next on the agenda. Mayor McDonald indicated the committees may be called upon to give their information at tomorrow evening's town meeting also. Mayor McDonald said the Parks Committee reports indicate that much work has been done. They have identified the scope of their work and have received bids from two firms willing to do the required studies.

Alderman Kress said the Infrastructure Committee is close to, or in the process of, writing the scope of the project. They have studied the water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer systems as well as roads and the city's water and sewage treatment plants as to their ages and whether or not they meet established codes. The weak link in the city's infrastructure seems to lie in its sanitary sewer system. Gases released into the system are causing the concrete pipe to deteriorate. They will meet with consultants who will confirm their findings and assess the magnitude of the costs involved. The cost for these consultants will be ready for next year's budget.

Another committee has been formed to study water and sewer rates in the city and surrounding areas and to look into the possibility of privatizing these systems.

The name change committee has met several times. They are trying to put old questions to rest. They would like to keep the word "Meadows" in the new name. The post office has indicated the best way to do this would be add a prefix to the word "Meadows." Several names are being thought about. Oak Meadow is currently at the top of the list.

Alderman Henley said the Economic Development Council has not had much activity. This is not unusual once their budget is passed. They have recommended a thirteen year pay back on the bonds and have paid the final bill on the traffic light installation at West Airport and Kirkwood as well as several engineering bills on the West Airport and Dairy Ashford projects.

Alderman Piwonka then made a motion, seconded by Alderman McCann to pay the bill to Contemporary Pools and Spas as presented on the agenda. This motion passed unanimously.

During audience comments, resident Beverly Hickie said she wanted to publicly thank the mayor for fixing the public rest rooms at the park in time for the school carnival and Garden Club's Spring Fling.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Henley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
JUNE 24, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The special workshop meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Trojan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

Discussing other matters first, Council was pleased with the Baa1 bond rating received from Moody's Rating Service. a higher rating was probably not received because of the city's relatively low commercial tax base.

Mayor McDonald said the bank plans will be discussed at a Planning & Zoning meeting in early July and Church plans will be available soon. The church plans a ground breaking ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July with one scheduled for the bank on July 15.

Council then entered into a discussion with MCIA members Mike Kelly, Lyn Rosenberg-Johnson and Grace Hines. President Kelly explained their concerns as being: The MCIA is in existence to enforce deed restrictions. They have received many complaints about fences, particularly those along Dairy Ashford, West Airport and the city park property. Many of the fences do not follow deed restriction guidelines. The picture received by those passing through the city is less than positive due to the different types of fences along these areas. In order for this to be corrected, the MCIA hopes that the city can help out, perhaps with some funding. How to assess the residents for this situation is difficult. Should the whole city be assessed for these few fences? Should only those residents who live on those properties be assessed? A sound wall along Dairy Ashford and West Airport could solve the problem, but this does not seem to be a viable issue at this time. A sound wall would not address all the areas either. Alderman Henley is still looking into the sound wall issue. Alderman Kress wondered if the MCIA could poll the people on the city's borders. If, as a group, those residents wanted to build a new fence and were willing to pay for their portion, perhaps some sort of discount could be obtained. Or, perhaps the new area bank might offer a good financing package to these residents. The problem will not be solved overnight.

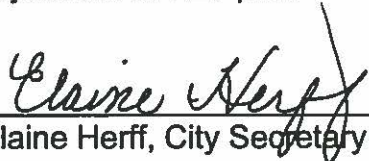
Mrs. Rosenberg-Johnson said the MCIA would like to see a "Home Fair" take place in Meadows with some non-elected group, such as the Home and Garden Club, sponsoring it.

The status of 12002 Meadowdale was also discussed. The MCIA has sent two certified letters to the owner of this residence which is in deplorable condition, with no response thus far. They would like to tell the owner to make the house ready for occupancy within thirty days (either for sale or lease) or be taken to court. They wonder what will happen if a court order required the owner



to spend money but he has no funds. Mayor McDonald said, in that case, the city would probably do the work and place a lien on the property.

There being no further items to be discussed, Alderman Piwonka made a motion to adjourn the workshop session. Alderman Henley seconded this motion and with unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

  
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Elaine Herff, City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
JULY 22, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Trojan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. The annual 4th of July parade was very successful with a good turnout.
2. All indications are that TxDOT will issue the contract to widen U.S. 59 by August 31, 1997. Work is expected to begin almost immediately.
3. Expansion of Dairy Ashford and West Airport is still on schedule with an expected December let date. A public hearing will be held soon which will be announced in local area papers and the City's Newsletter if time permits.
4. Houston Lighting & Power Co. plans to hold a meeting on July 30 from 7 - 9 p.m. with various representatives of area communities to see how the company might get involved in the communities. Those interested in attending the meeting are to let the city secretary know so that she might inform HL&P.
5. A town meeting will be held at Meadows Elementary School tomorrow evening. A representative from the U.S. Postal Service will attend and answer audience question regarding the city's name change. The name change should be an agenda item at the city's regular city council meeting, either to make a decision or to call another public hearing on the matter.
6. City department heads are currently working on their budgets for the next fiscal year. A budget workshop is to be held in early September.

There were no comments from the audience.

During council comments, Alderman Henley noted he has been approached by a citizen who was very upset with the wording on a warning he received to trim his trees. Aldermen Henley will be provided with a copy of the warning to check out its wording. Alderman Henley also noted that several sidewalks, torn up for water repairs, are still not repaired after thirty days. This seems too long a period and is also a safety hazard. The matter will be looked into.

Mayor McDonald then recognized employees for their years of service to the city as follows: A.J. Hernandez - 4 years; Winston Lee - one year.

Council then discussed the issue of fencing along major thoroughfares and city parks. Mayor McDonald said he personally believes a sound barrier along West Airport and Dairy Ashford is a dead issue. It would be too costly for the state and, therefore, would have to be paid for by the city. The estimate cost of the barriers to the city would be \$150,000 to \$225,000. This is in addition to survey and legal costs. On Dairy Ashford, the street will be lowered and widened so the existing visual effect should not be the same as it is now. Widening West Airport may soften the noise somewhat. The city should not be in the fence building business unless it is a health, safety and/or welfare issue. Based on this



information, Mayor McDonald would like to make it a city policy that, unless a health, safety or well being issue exists, no city funds will be spent building fences.

Alderman Kress said the city's issue with TxDOT regarding fences is "Were we treated fairly and evaluated with the same criteria as other areas were?" A wood privacy fence is not a health, safety or well being issue but noise is a health welfare issue. Alderman Kress would like the city to continue with the TxDOT question on fairness and see if there might be any recourse to the problem. He believes that, at some point in the future, we will have to face the sound barrier issue.

Alderman Henley said he has been vigorously pursuing the issue with the HGAC.

Alderman McGrath said the city should not build fences for aesthetic purposes. If the sound barrier becomes a health/well being issue later, the city may then have to deal with it.

Alderman Kress wondered if the city would consider supporting an initiative from another group to plant additional landscaping. He believes more trees take away from bad looking fences. Mayor McDonald said maintenance costs would have to be looked into. Perhaps a hedge instead of trees would work.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, (CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION) FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 1997, AND ENDING ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1999, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS.

Mayor McDonald said that Leen Zellers has resigned from the Planning Commission creating a vacancy. As an alternate, Ken Wright has diligently attended most meetings and will be a good addition to the Commission. Alderman Kress made a motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered 97-24, appointing Ken Wright a member of the Planning Commission. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion which carried unanimously. Council also expressed their desire to honor Mrs. Zellers for her service at the August council meeting.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN ARCHAIC, INC. AND CITY OF MEADOWS, AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 97-10 ON FEBRUARY 25, 1997, FOR REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS FOR EXISTING WATER PLANTS NO. 1 & 2, IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

Alderman Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Henley, to adopt the ordinance, numbered 97-25, as presented, adding \$2070.60 to the contract cost for repairs to Water Plant No. 1. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports followed. Alderman McCann said three names being recommended by his City Name Change Committee are Meadows Place, Oak Meadows and Park Meadows - not necessarily in that order. He said the committee appreciated all the suggestions given to it by residents.

City Engineer, B.L. Abbott said the Infrastructure Committee has a meeting scheduled for July 28. Each member is assigned to do a particular task on the committee.

Clyde Little was not able to attend the meeting. Mayor McDonald noted the Parks Committee has submitted a proposal and a price for the parks study.

Aldermen Kress and McGrath, on the Utility Rates and Privatization Committee, said they had a pre proposal conference at City Hall. There was a large turnout of interested companies. A tour of the facilities will take place on Friday. On August 12 the committee will listen to verbal proposals and hopes to have a recommendation ready for council's consideration at the August Council meeting. They thanked the city's staff for their assistance in gathering information. They expect the proposal to vary greatly based on the time needed for repairs and how long the companies will take to amortize their start up costs. There are five interested bidders with one or two clearly superior bidders. The proposals will require significant analysis. Mayor McDonald suggested the city not rush into a contract but take its time to make sure it is exactly what the city wants. Alderman Kress acknowledged this was a very significant step for the city to take. It would be difficult to go back to an in house operation system once a contract was signed. He urged council to read an interesting article about "Outsourcing" in Sunday's business section of the Chronicle and one on "Privatization" in a recent issue of the Texas Town & City magazine.

Alderman McGrath then made a motion to ratify the expenditures as presented on the agenda. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

There were no further audience comments.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman McCann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion and, with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
AUGUST 26, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Trojan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka
and the following absent:	
Alderman:	Craig Kress

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. That he would like to rearrange the agenda and place agenda item number two, Mayor's comments after the Executive Session.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to agenda item number 3, Executive session with City Attorney in relationship to advice and counsel concerning pending litigation to wit: City of Wharton et. al. VS Houston Lighting & Power Company, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.071. Councilman Henley made a motion to adjourn to Executive session which was seconded by Councilman McCann with all in favor and adjourned to executive session at 6:38 p.m.

At 7:35 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened and Mayor McDonald announced that no action had been taken during executive session and if any action would be taken it would be at a later date. Councilman Kress was now present.

Returning to the regular agenda under Mayor's comments:

1. Mayor McDonald noted the following dates would be in the September Newsletter. September 9th, Budget Workshop; September 16th, Public Hearing for the 1997-98 Budget; September 23rd, Public Hearing on the City's name change.

2. The 1997 tax rate will be set at the September 23rd regular council meeting. Council will be receiving copies of the proposed budget to study next week.

3. At the October Council meeting the name change will be an action item.

4. The site and landscape plans for Sugar Grove Church of Christ were approved by Planning & Zoning last week. The site plan has been permitted, but not the building as yet.

There were no comments from the audience.

Under Council comments, Mayor McDonald asked Alderman McCann if all the street signs were in. The large intersection signs are in and 189 more signs will be ready next week. The Public Works Department will install them as time permits.

Mayor McDonald commented that sidewalk restoration will expend the remaining funds allotted for those repairs and he believes that it will be completed back to Meadow Valley. Next year as much work will be done as available funds allow.

Alderman McGrath moved to approve the minutes of the May 27, 1997 special meeting and the June 24, 1997 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman McCann and passed with no objection.

Mayor McDonald then recognized city employees for years of service to the city as follows: Glen Dillender - nine years; Phil Kempthorne - eight years; Beverly McMinn - seven years, Larry Eissler - one year and Charles Jackson - one year and he thanked them for their years of service.



Mayor McDonald read from a Certificate of Achievement that he then presented to Mrs. Leen Zellers for her years of service to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Pamela Thorne, Vice President Government & Community Affairs for Warner Cable explained Warner Cable's Home Town Hero program. Everyone then viewed the television spot showing last year's winners from the City of Meadows. She thanked the City for past involvement in the program which is now in its fifth year and encouraged participation in this year's program which will pay tribute to the Mayors of participating cities. An independent panel of judges is used for choosing the Home Town Heroes and Ms. Thorne asked for a volunteer from Meadows to participate. The nominations are due September 10th. Mayor McDonald thanked Ms. Thorne for her community spirit and asked Council to get their nominations in.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-1998.

He recommended the date of September 16 at 7:30 p.m. Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Henley, to adopt the ordinance, numbered 97-26, calling a public hearing on the budget for fiscal year 1997-1998 for 7:30 p.m. on September 16, 1997, at Meadows City Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY  
SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS TO ENTER  
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LONG & SON, INC. FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GRAVEL WALL WATER WELL,  
WATER PLANT NO. 3 & APPURTENANCES, IN A FORM AS  
ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED "EXHIBIT A".

Mayor McDonald noted the dollar amount received in the four bids was very close which indicates the bids were very representative. The engineering firm that put the bid packet together has checked out the bidders and recommended the low bidder, Long & Son, with a bid of \$1,160,700. City Engineer Bud Abbott said the driller that Long & Son will be using will be free the last part of September to begin work. Alderman McGrath asked if the difference between the number of days the bidders showed for completion of the work was significant and Mr. Abbott replied no it was not. Alderman Piwonka moved to approve the Ordinance, numbered 97-27, awarding the bid for construction of Water Plant No. 3, to Long & Son, Inc. His motion seconded by Alderman Henley was unanimously approved.

Mayor McDonald asked Alderman Henley to bring everyone up to date on what was going on with HGAC. Council had received information on HGAC's activities and year to date accomplishments. Mayor McDonald asked if it had been a good year for money available for grants. Alderman Henley stated that some grants had been lower, but overall things had been about even. Alderman McCann stated that HGAC is doing more and more and Alderman Henley said they are here to serve the 13 area counties. Alderman Henley explained HGAC's purpose is to serve the 13 county areas of government by pulling everyone together and to give service, advice, grants, work with TxDOT and use corporate purchases to get the best prices for cities so the cities can avoid having to go out for bids. Mayor McDonald noted that as a small city, HCAC has helped us with available funds, our DARE officer being a good example.

Expenditures presented for ratification were unanimously approved with Alderman Henley moving to approve the bills and Alderman McGrath seconding the motion.

During audience comments Ann and Richard Bazariski spoke to make Council aware of excessive vehicle speed on Bloomington and Scottsdale, which they feel causes people who are out walking to take their lives in their own hands. They also said people often run the stop sign at Oxford Glen and Scottsdale. They gave City Engineer Bud Abbott a list of 19 names of residents who would like council to consider road humps between Bloomington and Kirkwood. Mayor McDonald



noted that traffic counters were in place at this time on Scottsdale. He said Council was looking at speed humps, but no answer was available at this time. The item may be placed on a future agenda, after Council has time to study the situation. He noted that he has discussed this type of problem with other area Mayors.

Leen Zellers asked Council to please study various styles and do further consideration of speed humps. Mayor McDonald said all alternatives would be studied before any speed humps were put in.

Mayor McDonald thanked Pamela Thorne for her presentation and mentioned that we have an option of a municipal channel. Ms. Thorne said she can discuss what other cities are doing in this regard.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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Debbie Wood, Assistant City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The special meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows Place City Hall, One Trojan Drive, Meadows Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Jim McDonald

Aldermen: Terry Henley  
Craig Kress  
Joe McCann  
Mark McGrath  
David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. A rough draft of the proposed EDC 1997-1998 budget has been passed out to council members for their review. This proposed budget will be presented to the EDC Board at their September, 1997 meeting next week.

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

There were no comments from council.

Mayor McDonald read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION EXCLUDING THE CITY OF MEADOWS FROM THE CLASS OF PLAINTIFFS IN CAUSE NO. 96-016613; "CITIES OF WHARTON, PASADENA AND GALVESTON, AS RULE 42 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES, ON BEHALF OF ENTITIES V. HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANY, A TEXAS CORPORATION, AND HOUSTON INDUSTRIES FINANCE CO., INC., FORMERLY A TEXAS CORPORATION;" NOW PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; 127<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Discussing the resolution, council members expressed their desire to not be a part of this law suit and Alderman McGrath made a motion to adopt the resolution, numbered 97-03, to exclude the City of Meadows from the class of plaintiffs in Cause No. 96-016613, as presented. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS DURING CONSTRICTION ON A PORTION OF DAIRY ASHFORD WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

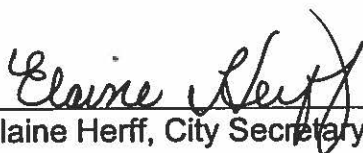
This ordinance was requested and recommended by the Texas Department of Transportation. Alderman Piwonka made a motion to adopt the ordinance,



numbered 97-27, which will only be in effect during the time construction is taking place on Dairy Ashford and sets a speed limit of 35mph with a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) upon conviction. Alderman Kress seconded this motion which was unanimously passed.

During further comments, Mayor McDonald reminded council that a meeting is scheduled for every Tuesday during the first four weeks of September as follows: September 9 - budget workshop meeting at 7:30 p.m.; September 16 - Public Hearing on the budget at 7:30 p.m.; September 23, Public Hearing on the city's proposed name change at 7:00 p.m. and regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mayor McDonald said he believes the city will be able to reduce its tax rate by two percent (2%) this year.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kress, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
SEPTEMBER 9, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The special workshop meeting of Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

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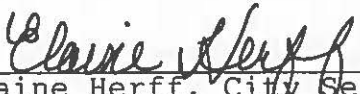
thus constituting a quorum.

Mayor McDonald informed Council there had been another lightening strike last Wednesday evening. The Police Department is still not yet in full operation. 9-1-1 is doing a study to see how the problem of a future lightening strike can be prevented. Mayor McDonald requested Alderman Henley to also look into the matter. Mayor McDonald also informed Council that Mike Kelly has resigned his position as president of the MCIA Board of Directors. His reasons were unclear. The MCIA Board will meet on Thursday to appoint a new president.

The proposed EDC budget for 1997-1998 was then discussed. Costs for Dairy Ashford have increased from \$200,000 to \$260,000 while engineering costs have been reduced from \$10,000 to \$1,800. Construction costs for West Airport widening have been decreased to 200,000 while engineering costs on this project have increased to \$15,000. There is also a line item for right of way acquisition as the city will need to acquire a clip of land on West Airport at Dairy Ashford. The estimate is \$35,000.

Council then discussed the proposed 1997-1998 city budget. Ad Valorem taxes were figured at .73 per \$100 valuation. This is a .02 reduction in the rate from last year. Other revenues have been increased to reflect this year's income. There is a high increase in employee medical insurance rates in most departments. Council felt \$20,000 sounded high for Municipal Building repairs. A majority of this is for an air conditioning maintenance contract. The rest of the budget was discussed by council.

There being no further items to be discussed, Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

  
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Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
OF  
SEPTEMBER 16, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The Public Hearing of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

Mayor McDonald said the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on the proposed 1997-1998 fiscal year budget. Mayor McDonald gave a quick review of the proposed budget which is scheduled to be approved at the September 23, 1997 regular council meeting.

He noted that, since the budget workshop held last week, funds for the Infrastructure Study have been eliminated. If funds become available, the study may be added later next year. Also, projected interest revenues have been increased to \$50,000 and water and sewer revenues have also been increased. Some costs have been reduced in the Public Works Department. Again, the balance in the Tax & Debt Service Department is slowly being drawn down.

The EDC budget was approved by the EDC Board of Directors at their regular meeting on September 11th with a recommendation that City Council also approve it at their September 23, 1997 meeting. The estimated carry over balance at the beginning of next year may be increased proportionately if some projects, scheduled to be paid this year, are not yet completed for payment.

The budget was calculated with a tax rate of seventy-three cents (.73) and includes funds for a master plan for the Parks, continuing sidewalk restoration, two new police cars and two new trucks - one for Public Works and one for Public Utilities.

The only audience comment was received from Bud Abbott who wondered where the EDC funds for moving the water lines were shown. Mayor McDonald said these funds were scheduled to be paid this year but will need to be added to next year's budget before the EDC budget is approved (with an accompanying increase in the beginning year balance.)

Alderman McGrath announced a Blood Drive will be held this Saturday, September 20, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the recreation center. It, along with proceeds from an accompanying carnival, will benefit Katy Mateson, an eight year old Meadows residents who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

Alderman Henley said the HGAC Board of Directors met today and he has a copy of their draft for the eight county area Transportation Approval Program as well as their Vision 2020 Transportation Study which lists transportation needs based on estimated population grown through the year 2020. It is estimated that funds for new and improved roadways will fall \$5 billion short by the year 2020.

Aldermen Kress and McGrath discussed the meeting they attended at Missouri City this week put on by District 12 Engineers concerning the future of Fort Bend County transportation.

Mayor McDonald reminded council a public hearing on the City's name change will be held next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., immediately before the September regularly scheduled council meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Kress made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion and, with unanimous approval, the public hearing was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows City Hall, One Trojan Drive, Meadows, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

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and the following absent:  
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During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. A meeting (presumably a pre-construction meeting) is scheduled with all parties involved in the Dairy Ashford and West Airport expansion projects for September 26. Awarding the bid for expansion of the two roads has been moved from December 97 to January 98.

2. If council members are able, a workshop to discuss traffic control and committee reports will be held on October 7. Council members were instructed to let City Secretary Elaine Herff know if they would be available on that date.

3. Alderman Terry Henley was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a death in his family.

There were no comments from the audience.

Alderman McGrath commented that the Katie Madsen fund raiser and blood drive held last Saturday at the recreation center was very successful.

Alderman Kress commented that he sent a letter to the Sugar Land City Engineer requesting a public hearing be held on the West Airport widening so that the sound wall issue might be discussed. He gave copies of his letters to council members as well as residents along this street. He noted there were 87 homes that back up to West Airport and 47 homes that back up to Dairy Ashford that will be affected by this issue. All the residents he spoke with say that noise is an acute problem and the widened road will have little benefit to residents of the city but will greatly benefit those who pass through the city on a daily basis. Alderman Kress said that while a majority of sound barrier walls go up during construction of roads, many are installed later and he intends to pursue the matter further. Alderman McGrath said he also sent a letter to the City Engineer of Sugar Land, requesting a Public Hearing on the Dairy Ashford widening project.

Mayor McDonald said to watch the newspapers for postings of any public hearings on these two projects. It is possible we may not get the word in time to publish it in the City Newsletter.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following proclamation:

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
MEADOWS DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1997 AS  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF  
MEADOWS.

Mayor McDonald read the entire proclamation. Alderman Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kress, for the entire City Council to support this proclamation. His motion was unanimously approved and Mayor McDonald then presented the proclamation to a representative of the Shelter Outreach program who was present to accept it.



Mayor McDonald then congratulated Sergeant Hal Clarida for his three years of service to the City as a police officer.

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There were no further comments from the audience.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1997  
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Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
OCTOBER 7, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

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Mayor McDonald received council's consensus to discuss agenda item (f) Other items, first. He updated council on the resignation of water & sewer personnel and the future operations of the water and sewer facilities. He notified council their registrations to the TML annual conference were faxed in today. He said Helfman Ford was requesting a billboard due to their feeling that their business will suffer during and after widening construction of the freeway. This matter will be referred to the Board of Adjustments. He said an ordinance will be on the October regular council meeting agenda to effect the name change of the city with a blank line for the name.

Council then discussed hiring an engineering firm for the city. Mayor McDonald said the current City Engineer, B.L. Abbott has officially retired as of October 1, 1997. He will work on special projects only. The Mayor plans to ask Mr. Abbott and Consulting Building Official Joe Edwards for their written recommendations of engineering firms, including their hourly rate and various names. The recommended firms will be asked to submit their qualifications. It is hoped a firm might be appointed at the November council meeting.

Council then discussed city policies. Alderman Piwonka suggested adding the word "fiscal" year to the vacation policy. Council was asked to check over the policies and let the City Secretary know of any other recommended changes.

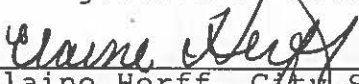
Council then discussed the Infrastructure Study. A preliminary cost estimate was received. Council was asked to think about when to hold a bond election. It was suggested that the city request the potential consulting engineering firms to make recommendations, as part of their RFQ, as to how they would proceed on this matter.

Mayor McDonald then asked council to study the traffic control policy of Missouri City and see how we might adapt this policy for the City of Meadows.

Mayor McDonald said he had a copy of the City of Stafford's electric code. Our electrical inspector suggested there were many items in it that were lacking in Meadows' code. He said he would study it and, hopefully, have it ready for council to passed an amended electrical code at November's council meeting.

Council was requested to think about suitable candidates for the Meadows Community Improvement Board of Directors and ask them if they would be interested in running for a position on the Board in November.

There being no further items to be discussed, Alderman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Alderman Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF OCTOBER 28, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at Meadows Place City Hall, One Trojan Drive, Meadows Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. A public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., November 10 in the Sugar Land City Hall council chambers with the various engineers and TxDOT officials to discuss the Dairy Ashford and West Airport widening projects.
2. A meeting is scheduled for November 11 to approve the contract to move the water lines for the US 59 expansion project with a pre construction meeting to be held tomorrow, Wednesday, or Friday at TxDOT's Rosenberg office.
3. Well #3 is being drilled and samples are now being tested.
4. There is an agenda item on tonight's meeting to hear further comments on the city's name change and asked members of the audience to hold their comments on that item until then,

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

During council comments, Alderman Henley mentioned the letter he originally received from TxDOT concerning sound abatement walls and passed out copies to council.

Alderman Kress stressed the importance of the November 10 public hearing, particularly to the 87 residences that back up to West Airport and the 47 residences that back up to Dairy Ashford. Comments at the meeting must be limited to health, safety and well being issues. Aesthetic issues will not be considered.

Alderman McGrath noted that, although the public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m., a layout of the proposed improvements will be available to see beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor McDonald then recognized employees for their years of service with the city as follows: G. Michael Pickett - 11 years; Randy Schlauch - 9 years; Joseph Cox, Jr. - 3 years; J. Gary Stewart - 3 years; Melinda Wilson - 2 years and Kirsten Lang - 1 year. All are members of the Police Department.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS BY  
ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER, BEING CHAPTER  
NUMBER 27 AND CERTAIN DIVISIONS, ARTICLES  
AND SECTIONS AS THEREIN SET OUT



CONSISTING OF SECTION 27-1 THROUGH  
SECTION 27-21 AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS  
OF FACT AND DETERMINATION AS HEREIN  
PROVIDED.

Mayor McDonald noted that council has studied this ordinance in workshop session. The City Attorney has included suggestions made by council in this final draft of the ordinance. The ordinance addresses antennas and towers for portable phones and cable lines. Alderman Piwonka asked why commercial towers only, and not back yard towers, are addressed. Mayor McDonald said deed restrictions cover back yard towers. Alderman McGrath moved to adopt the ordinance, numbered **97-33**, as presented. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which was unanimously approved.

Mayor McDonald then invited members of the audience who had comments regarding the City's name change to address council now.

Resident Rob Cook, a member of the name change committee, said he was reiterating his comments from the last meeting. The committee studied many names for people's reactions and the one name of "Oak Meadows" continued to come up. The committee grew to like the name. They feel it leaves a solid vision in people's minds. A large number of people like that name more than any other. He does not feel "Meadows Place" is a suitable name, particularly since the city is so close to Barrington Place.

Resident Alton Pressley said approximately eleven years ago he was assured that the name "Meadows" would be acceptable to the Post Master. The name continued to be a problem with the post office. As County Commissioner, he tried to see if something could not be done about the problem. He believes using the name "Meadows Place" will not solve the problem. He prefers "Oak Meadows" and recommended that council let the people decide somehow, not council, on what the name should be.

Mayor McDonald then expressed his opinion. He said he has lived here for 26 or 27 years and is proud to live in the City of Meadows. A lot of people know where Meadows is now. He believes that, as a city, we have built a good reputation. Businesses in the city, as well as the elementary school, use the name "Meadows" and he believes changing the name to something other than "Meadows Place" would not be good. People frequently drop the word "Place" when referring when referring to the City of West University Place. Legal Counsel has assured him this is permissible in the City of Meadows Place as well. While the post office cannot say with certainty that there will not be a problem with the name, if council chooses "Meadows Place" the postal service will put the name in their equipment and run test to let us know for sure. He said if he had a vote, he would vote for "Meadows Place" because he wants to have the word "Meadows" be first in the city's name.

Alderman Henley said he was in total agreement that the city needs to change its name and mailing address. He believes however, that council should take into consideration the fact that "Meadows Place" was not on the original list of names submitted to council by the Name Change Committee as possible new names for the city. Their first choice was "Oak Meadows" and council should either choose this name for the city or put the issue to a vote of the residents.

Alderman McGrath said he was impressed by the amount of mail that is delivered accurately to Meadows, Texas 77477 and even if the name is changed, the postal service is not perfect and mistakes can be made.



Resident Harry Hamilton said we have gotten a lot of momentum out of the name "Meadows" and believes we will give up a piece of our heritage if we change the name. He recommended no change.

Alderman Piwonka noted he favors the name "Meadows Place" No one at the July town meeting or last month's public hearing wanted a city name without the word "Meadows" in it. The name needs to be changed with as little disruption as possible.

Alderman Kress said he was worried about a process that allows five people to decided on a name change. However, after two town meetings and many committee meetings, he realizes even a referendum would not solve the problem. Renaming a city is a little like renaming a child. He is in favor of the name "Meadows Place" and does not feel it changes the heritage of the city. The name "Meadows Place" has a lot of class to it.

Mayor McDonald noted the Name Change Committee started at a disadvantage. The Postal Service originally said they would not accept a name change that started with the word "Meadows". Alderman McCann checked into this problem and, after several tests were run, the consensus was that the word "Meadows" could be used as a first name.

Alderman McCann gave a brief description of the tests that were run. He said he liked the name "Oak Meadows" also but feels "Meadows Place" is a better choice. He didn't like the sound of "My child goes to Meadows Elementary in Oak Meadows, Texas." The committee spend many long nights searching for the right name. The Postal Service was very helpful. He thinks something should be done this evening about chanaging the name of the city and that the new name should be "Meadows Place."

At this time, Mayor McDonald read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE  
OF THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE CITY OF  
MEADOWS AS HEREINAFTER STATED.

Alderman Henley made a motion to change the name of the City of Meadows to the City of Oak Meadows. There was no second to this motion.

Alderman McCann made a motion to change the name of the City of Meadows to the City of Meadows Place. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion. Mayor McDonald called for a vote on the motion. Aldermen Kress, McCann and Piwonka voted yes and Alderman Henley and McGrath voted no. The motion to adopt the ordinance, numbered 97-34, changing the name of the City of Meadows to the City of Meadows Place carried by a majority vote.

Mayor McDonald received council consensus to rearrange agenda to discuss agenda item 10 before agenda item 9 and read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE  
CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS,  
TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PARKS AND  
RECREATION MASTER PLANNING SERVICE WITH  
WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES IN A FORM AS ATTACHED  
HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

Mr. Mike McAnally was in the audience representing Wilbur Smith Associates. Alderman Kress said he has worked closely in the past with Wilbur Smith Associates and holds them in high regard. Alderman McGrath said he is aware



of other projects the company has been involved in and they are a nation wide planning and engineering consulting firm.

Mr. McAnally addressed council. He said his firm would do a master plan for the city's parks. His firm does planning for transportation, urban development and parks. Recently they have completed projects for the cities of Brownsville and Baton Rouge. They were consultants on the City of Houston's "Bike-Way" project. They have been in the planning business for 45 years. This project is unique in that there is a committee of citizens contributing to the planned development. His firm will work closely with this committee.

Clyde Little, chairman of the Park Planning Committee said it was important to note that, with this contract, the city will be getting more than a "Master Plan." Phase One of the agreement involves development of the plan which will carry through to Phase Two, a summary brochure and application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for grant funds. If a grant is received, Phase Three of the agreement will allow for design and construction administration of the Master Plan. Additional services from the company will be performed only with council's prior approval.

Alderman Piwonka made a motion calling for approval of the ordinance, numbered 97-35, authorizing the Mayor and The City Secretary of the City of Meadows, Texas, to execute an agreement for Parks and Recreation Master Planning Services with Wilbur Smith Associates. Alderman Kress seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, CHAPTER 20, ENTITLED "MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES," ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "IN GENERAL," BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION 20-25, ENTITLED "PARKING OF CERTAIN UNDESIRABLE VEHICLES PROHIBITED."

Mayor McDonald said the intent of this ordinance is to limit vehicles with offensive paintings on city streets. Alderman Piwonka said he thinks it would be OK if such a vehicle were parked in a garage but not in a driveway or in the street.

Resident Janet Piwonka addressed council, noting that this ordinance was probably designed for one person and passage of the ordinance may put the city in jeopardy of being sued over the right to freedom of speech.

Resident Janey Henley addressed council, saying she feels that while the vehicle in question is offensive, she is concerned passage of the ordinance would open the city up for a law suit.

Resident Nathan Doherty addressed council, saying he sees a problem when an ordinance targets one person in that could be construed persecution. He asked "What is the price of beauty in this city?"

Mayor McDonald said the ordinance was not designed for only one person. Other instances have existed when this ordinance would have been helpful. The ordinance merely adds a new section to Chapter 20 of the city's Code of Ordinances.

Alderman Henley said he had a problem with the ordinance since there is no definition of the word "offensive".

Alderman Kress said he doesn't like to stop freedom but council must look out for people who do not want these kinds of things next door to their home.

Alderman Piwonka said society has a right to demand things that they do not want. He said council needs to act on this ordinance tonight or things could be worse tomorrow.

Alderman McGrath said he would like more background on this type of ordinance and would like to find a place where this ordinance has already been tested. He made a motion to table taking action on the ordinance until council was able to gather more information. Alderman Henley seconded this motion which carried three to two with Aldermen Henley, McGrath and Kress voting yes, Alderman Piwonka voting no and Alderman McCann abstaining.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MEADOWS AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF V.C.S. ART 6687d (DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR) IN A FORM AS ATTACHED AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A".

Passage of this ordinance will make it impossible for someone with outstanding warrants in our court to renew his or her Texas driver's license without first clearing the warrant. Alderman McCann made a motion to approve the ordinance, numbered 97-36. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FOR 1998.

Mayor McDonald said Alderman Henley as our representative and Alderman Kress as our alternate did a good job last year and he suggested they both be reappointed. Alderman McGrath made a motion to approve the resolution, numbered 97-04, a resolution designating Alderman Henley as our representative and Alderman Kress as our alternate representative to the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for 1998. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, IN THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORT BEND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.



Alderman Piwonka said Allen Robinson from Missouri City has been very supportive of our city and he made a motion to cast all 18 of the city's votes to Mr. Robinson. Alderman Henley seconded the motion and the resolution, numbered **97-06**, passed with unanimous approval.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 97-01 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS ON THE 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1997, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR GRANT FUNDS BY PROVIDING FOR RETURN OF THE FUNDS TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OR MISUSE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FUNDS.

Alderman Henley made a motion to approve this resolution, numbered **97-06**, as presented. Alderman McGrath seconded the motion which carried with unanimous approval.

Mayor McDonald asked if there were any audience comments at this time while council looked over the bills of the city for approval.

Mr. Little said he would like to thank Charles Johnson and his maintenance crew for the work they do around the city parks and the city facility noting the grounds look great. He also thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing the in-depth discussion of the city's name change. After listening to the discussion, he is convinced that Meadows Place is the right name for the city. Mayor McDonald and Aldermen McCann and Piwonka said they also appreciated the work Mr. Johnson and his crew did for the city.

Mr. Doherty asked council to address the problem of summer time parking on the streets of Amblerwood and Scottsdale during swim meets. He noted this is a dangerous situation, because it significantly lessens the width of a vehicle that can travel down these streets when cars are parked on both sides. Mayor McDonald said he hoped the new Master Plan will address where additional parking areas can be designated.

Alderman Piwonka noted at this time that Mr. Doherty will become an Eagle Scout next Sunday while his son, Steve Piwonka will become an Eagle Scout on Saturday. This information is impressive as only about one percent of the boys who join Boy Scouts of America become Eagle Scouts.

Alderman McGrath then made a motion to approve payment of the bill to Alsay Incorporated as presented on the agenda. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Alderman Kress then made a motion to ratify the payment of the bills as presented on the agenda. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Alderman Henley made the comment that the fact that council did not agree on all issues should not take away from their ability to work together. He feels it is important to pay close attention to committee's recommendations.

There being no further business on the agenda, Alderman Henley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McCann seconded this motion and with unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



\*Council reserves the right to limit debate and call for the question if it deems sufficient discussion has taken place and/or if a higher item of priority arises.

Regular Meeting Oct 28, 1997

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF NOVEMBER 11, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at 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 Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

There were no comments from the Mayor, Council or the audience at this time.

Mayor McDonald read a resolution proclaiming December 16, 1997, as Daughters of the American Revolution Day in the City of Meadows Place, Texas. Alderman Piwonka made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman McCann seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

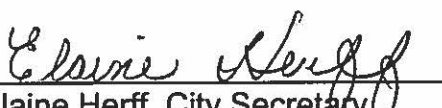
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF  
MEADOWS PLACE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT  
WITH THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER TO MOVE  
CITY WATER LINES, DUE TO THE EXPANSION OF  
U.S. HIGHWAY 59, IN A FORM AS ATTACHED  
HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A". tenants

The lowest qualified bidder was BRC Services for \$76,375.70. They will move (replace) the eight inch water lines, from the middle of Helfman Ford's display area to Dorrance Lane. Mayor McDonald said he believes the state should reimburse us for most of the cost. Alderman Kress made a motion to approve the Ordinance, numbered 97-37, authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to enter into a contract with BRC Services to move a city water line due to the expansion of U.S. 59. Alderman Henley seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Alderman Henley then made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGrath, to approve payment of the three bills as presented on the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Henley to adjourn the meeting and with unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF NOVEMBER 11, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at 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 Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

Council received from City Engineer, B.L. Abbott the results of a traffic study that was taken in response to a petition received from residents of the 11300 - 11600 blocks of Scottsdale Drive due to what they perceive as vehicles driving at high rates of speed on this street. The survey took place during a 48 hour period on a recent weekend. The average east bound speed was 23.7 mph while the average west bound speed was 25.1 mph. resulting in a total average of 24.4 mph. Residents would like to see speed bumps installed. Council discussed the request.

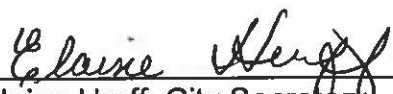
Discussing other matters, Mayor McDonald noted it was time to hold another MCIA Board of Directors election.

Alderman McGrath then made a motion to recess the workshop meeting so that the special 7:30 p.m. council meeting might begin. Alderman Henley seconded this motion and, with unanimous approval, the workshop meeting was recessed at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor McDonald reconvened the workshop meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance which was tabled at the October 28, 1997 council meeting regarding "Parking of Certain Undesirable Vehicles."

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Henley made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGrath to adjourn the workshop meeting. With unanimous approval the workshop meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF NOVEMBER 25, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at 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 Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Jim McDonald

Aldermen: Terry Henley  
Craig Kress  
Joe McCann  
David Piwonka  
Mark McGrath

thus constituting a quorum.

Also present was Dale Rudick, Project Manager for the City of Sugar Land. Council and Mr. Rudick discussed the newly required sound walls for the Dairy Ashford and West Airport projects. Many Meadows Place residents attended the public hearing held recently in the City of Sugar Land. Those who live adjacent to West Airport and Dairy Ashford were nearly unanimous in their request for sound barrier walls to be installed along with the road widening. TxDOT reviewed their previous decision and is now requiring sound walls on these two projects at an estimated cost to Meadows Place of \$958,800. Paying this with existing funds will deplete our savings and a bond issue will be needed. The Mayor, Mr. Rudick and Meadows Place City Engineer B.L. Abbott will meet with representatives of TxDOT to express the city's displeasure and see if other options are available.

Due to the time, Alderman Piwonka made a motion to recess the workshop meeting so that the regular meeting could convene. Alderman McGrath seconded this motion and, with unanimous approval, the workshop meeting was recessed at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor McDonald then reconvened the workshop meeting at 7:50 p.m. Council continued their discussion of the sound walls. City Engineer B.L. Abbott said the estimate cost was based on a method used by engineering firms which have designed these walls in the past. It is reasonable to hope that the walls may be lower than ten or twelve feet. Many issues need to be addressed, including maintenance of the walls. Mayor McDonald said he hopes to hash out these and more issues at the meeting with TxDOT. We need to stress to TxDOT our need for alternate suggestions. Because Federal funds are involved, non compliance with their rules may affect the entire project. TxDOT requires the city's portion of the funds be paid in one lump sum, before the project is put out for bids. A bond issue may need to be held in May in conjunction with the City's general election.

Discussing water rates, Alderman McGrath said the city's commercial rates are too low. He suggested using the City of Sugar Land's rates for our commercial customers. Mayor McDonald suggested Alderman McGrath make this recommendation formally at the January City Council meeting. Alderman Kress said the recently printed results in the TML magazine of a water rate survey indicate our residential rates seem in line with the rest of the state but our commercial rates are about one half of the norm.

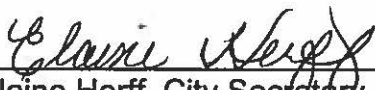


Council then discussed traffic control policies. A manual, which addresses this topic, is available from Missouri City to study. It was suggested a workshop be held in January to study this manual.

Council then discussed proposed new City logos. Aldermen Kress and McCann are working with graphic designers and presented some suggestions. Council will study these and other suggestions at a future meeting.

Discussing other items, Council talked about the new steak house opening, upgrading City Hall's computer system and what PC environment (Word Perfect or Microsoft Word) the city should consider going with.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman McGrath made a motion to adjourn the workshop meeting. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion and, with unanimous approval, the workshop meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

  
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Elaine Herff, City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF NOVEMBER 25, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at 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 Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. Work has commenced on the east side of U.S. 59 and, within the next six to eight weeks will begin on our side.
2. Postal official Lorretta Lee said test mailings will be sent within the next two weeks or so using the name "Meadows Place". If all goes well, approval will be received to use the name - probably around the first of the year.
3. Board of Adjustment hearing will be held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. to hear a request from Helfman Ford for a variance to our zoning ordinance to allow a billboard type sign on their property.
4. Council will begin work on selecting a new logo when they continue their workshop meeting this evening.
5. Christmas Memories in the Park is set for December 13 with a guarantee of snow.
6. All residents are encouraged to participate in lighting their yards for Christmas.
7. The Wallis bank is scheduled to open on December 15th.
8. A building permit has been issued to the church.

During Council Comments, Alderman Henley gave a short report on the TML General Law City's Conference Meeting.

Alderman McGrath then made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 1997 regular meeting; July 22, 1997 regular meeting; August 26, 1997 regular meeting; September 2, 1997 special meeting; September 9, 1997 special meeting; September 16, 1997 public hearing; September 23, 1997 public hearing meeting; September 23, 1997 regular meeting and the October 7, 1997 special meeting as presented. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which was unanimously adopted.

Mayor McDonald then recognized Monya Keenen and Terry Modeland for their seven years of service to the city as Parks Directors.

Alderman McCann then made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kress, to change the date of the regular December City Council meeting from December 23, 1997 to December 16, 1997. The motion was unanimously passed.

There were no comments from the audience at this time.



There being no further business to discuss, Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF DECEMBER 16, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at 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 Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Jim McDonald

Aldermen: Terry Henley  
Craig Kress  
Joe McCann  
Mark McGrath  
David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

During Mayor's comments, Mayor McDonald noted:

1. It is expected that, on the recommendations of City Engineering B.L. Abbott and Consulting Building Official Joe Edwards, the city will soon enter into a contract with Claunch & Miller to perform consulting engineering services for the city.
2. Many residents have put out lights for the Christmas season and the horse and buggy rides sponsored by the Parks Department were very well received and may become a tradition in the city.
3. Indications are that postal tests using the name "Meadows Place" are going well and we expect a letter from the post office soon noting that they have no objections to us using that name as our mailing address.

There were no comments from the audience.

There were no council comments but Mayor McDonald noted that Alderman McCann has been designing a new logo for the city which is almost ready to be released

Council then considered improvements of Dairy Ashford and West Airport Boulevard. Mayor McDonald reading from a drafted statement as follows: "City of Meadows Place supports the West Airport & Dairy Ashford projects and will do everything possible to ensure the projects completion." Alderman Henley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka, to accept the statement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Council then discussed improvements to streets in Meadowglen, Section 3. Mayor McDonald noted there have been some "bird bath" type problems in this subdivision. A proposal from the developer was received today requesting some help in paying for repairs to these streets. There are some legal questions involved as to whether or not the city can spend its funds on this project. Alderman McGrath made a motion to table this agenda item until the January regular council meeting. Alderman McCann seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND  
THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS,  
TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
WITH FORT BEND COUNTY TO RENEW, EXTEND



AND CONTINUE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1998 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR 1997, PROVIDING FOR THE HOUSING OF CITY PRISONERS, IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Piwonka, to adopt the ordinance numbered **97-37** as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FORT BEND COUNTY TO RENEW, EXTEND AND CONTINUE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1998 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT(S) ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS, ROADS AND DRAINAGE; THE ENFORCEMENT OF HEALTH REGULATIONS; THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL; IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Alderman Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGrath, to adopt the ordinance numbered **97-38** as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FORT BEND COUNTY TO RENEW, EXTEND AND CONTINUE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1998 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR POLICE PROTECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 791, TEX. GOV. CODE; IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Henley, to adopt the ordinance numbered **97-39** as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FORT BEND COUNTY TO RENEW, EXTEND AND CONTINUE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1998 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR 1997, FOR PURCHASING CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS, GOODS OR SERVICES; IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGrath, to adopt the ordinance numbered **97-40** as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor McDonald then read the caption to the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FORT BEND COUNTY TO RENEW, EXTEND AND CONTINUE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1998 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY FOR 1997, FOR USE OF FORT BEND COUNTY'S RADIO SYSTEM TO COMMUNICATE AMONG ITS VARIOUS RADIO UNITS ON A PRIMARY DISPATCH SYSTEM; IN A FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A."

Alderman Piwonka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Henley, to adopt the ordinance numbered **97-41** as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

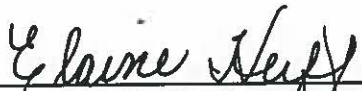
Council then review the existing City Investment Policy. Alderman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Alderman McCann, to approve the existing policy as written.

Alderman Henley then moved to ratify the expenditure to J. Ram Construction as presented on the agenda. Alderman Piwonka seconded this motion which was passed unanimously.

Bills to Helfman Ford for a new truck and to Long & Son, Inc. for installment payment #3 were presented for payment approval. Alderman Piwonka asked if Well #3 was on schedule and Mayor McDonald answered it was. Alderman Kress made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Alderman Henley seconded this motion which was unanimously approved.

There were no comments from the audience at this time. Mayor McDonald wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman McCann made a motion, seconded by Alderman Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary



MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF DECEMBER 16, 1997  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Jim McDonald at 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 Article 6252-17, V.T.A.C.S. with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor:	Jim McDonald
Aldermen:	Terry Henley Craig Kress Joe McCann Mark McGrath David Piwonka

thus constituting a quorum.

Council discussed the West Airport and Dairy Ashford road widening projects. Mayor McDonald said the tentative date for a public hearing for residents to get information about sound walls and possibly give their permission for these walls to be installed at their properties is January 5, 1998. The city is in the processes of identifying where water lines are and which will need to be moved. It is hoped that all the lines will not need to be moved as this will add to the cost of the projects significantly. Trees will also need to be moved. It is anticipated Sugar Land will need the funds for these projects in March. It is unclear yet how much and whether payment terms with TxDOT might be available. Alderman Henley said he would check with HGAC to see if any funds are available from that agency. Alderman Kress said he believes the walls are a good investment for the city.

Discussing other matters, the committee studying park development has indicated a pavilion at the city park is desirable. Since the proposal is to put this on the land we are leasing from the school district, FBISD approval must be received first.


Ayrshire Corporation has requested assistance from the city to pay for repairs to streets in Meadowglen III. This item will be placed on the January Council meeting agenda.

The Target Corporation is looking at the C-3 zoning site to possibly build three stores. They are acutely aware of our zoning ordinances and are working closely with Consulting Building Official Joe Edwards.

Mayor McDonald said he has received verbal approval from the Postal Service to use Meadows Place as a mailing address.

Council also discussed the new proposed City logo and possible repairs needed at Stafford's Fire Station No. 3, located in our city.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman McGrath made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kress, to adjourn the workshop meeting. With unanimous approval, the workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

  
Elaine Herff, City Secretary