

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
APRIL 24, 2012
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup, Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Charles Jessup

Aldermen: Heidi Case
Terry Henley
Shirley Isbell
John Whiteman
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

First item on the agenda to discuss was a discussion of water meters. On tonight's agenda is an item to allow the City Secretary and the Public Works Director to go out for bids for new meters. Toby Sledge with Badger Meter explained how new, radio read meters work. Meadows Place is currently experiencing a 16.8% loss in water revenue due to old, worn out meters. Part of our cost to Southwest is for their employees to read our meters from one to three days per month. The new meters will send information constantly to a base in City Hall allowing us to know if a meter is stuck, leaking or a number of other possible problems and allow us to get them repaired sooner.

Council then discussed the City Secretary position. Seven applicants have been selected from the 25 – 30 sent in for further consideration. After background checks are completed on these seven, phone interviews will be conducted. The top few will be called in for additional interviews.

Mayor Jessup then told Council that work on the Police Tactical Training Center has been slowed due to work that needed to be completed at the park because of vandalism. It is back on track now.

Texas Direct Auto is working on their fence right now and a new high end saddle and tack shop by the name of Tackxas will open soon.

Discussing the city's IT situation, council was told that right now we have a "mish-mash" of software and one part time IT person who is also a Police Captain and in charge of officer scheduling. Mayor Jessup is looking into the cost of hiring a company to take over this task.

Council briefly discussed items on tonight's regular City Council agenda. Mayor Jessup requested that item 8 be postponed due to the fact that one more public hearing is needed on the subject. Council will also be requested to approve a \$500 reward for information leading the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the vandalism at the park for the last two weekends. And they will be asked to call a public hearing on smoke shops in Meadows Place.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Henley, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Elaine Herff, City Secretary