

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2012
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup, Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Charles Jessup

Aldermen: Terry Henley
John Isbell
Terry Morgan
John Whiteman
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Gary Stewart, Chief of Police, Elaine Herff, City Secretary, Rick Staigle, past Councilmember, and Shirley Isbell, past Councilmember.

First item on the agenda was a discussion of the police budget. Mayor Jessup began the meeting by discussing comparisons in types of vehicles purchased throughout the years. Councilmember Whiteman asked if a car auction had been considered. Mayor Jessup stated the return on a vehicle would be very little due to the condition of the car at the point of sale. Councilmember Henley asked difference in Tahoe versus a Charger. Mayor Jessup stated there is no difference in warranty but the cost for tires on a Tahoe is more expensive. Chief Stewart presented the proposed police budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Councilmember Henley asked was the emergency equipment factored in with the cost of vehicles. Chief Stewart answered yes and further discussed other items that will be an additional cost in the upcoming fiscal year. Those items included: police liability insurance, postage, brochures for the vehicle protection awareness program, GIS training, and cell phones. Also, Chief Stewart reminded council about flexibility for unfunded mandates as well as being prepared in the event one of the portable radio units needed replacing at a cost \$4,440 each.

Second item on the agenda was a discussion of Neighborhood Watch. Mayor Jessup noted that he is aware of an official Neighborhood Watch group that is currently meeting however he wanted to ensure that it is managed properly. Chief Stewart shared what he mentioned to the group the night of the Neighborhood Watch meeting at the request of Councilmember John Isbell. Councilmember Whiteman stated that his wife Vivian was the secretary/treasurer for the former Neighborhood Watch years ago and there are still funds leftover in the bank. Chief Stewart stated there should be no citizen patrol however all suspicious activity should be referred to the police department. Mayor Jessup agreed with Chief Stewart that no citizen should patrol or act on their own. Chief Stewart stated the police department will be distributing vehicle protection awareness brochures to citizens during patrol and via monthly newsletters.

Potential items for the upcoming regular agenda were briefly discussed.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember Henley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Yolanda M. Wilson, Deputy City Secretary