

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2012
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The workshop meeting of Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 6:07 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 Rick Staigle, past Councilmember, and Shirley Isbell, past Councilmember.

First item on the agenda was a discussion of Budget Adjustment. Mayor Jessup began the meeting by stating the 2012-2013 budget will be on the September 25th City Council Agenda. Mayor Jessup stated how there will need to be a budget adjustment that would not affect the tax rate.

Second item for discussion was West Nile Virus. Mayor Jessup stated this was the topic of discussion at the Mayor's Luncheon. Mayor Jessup stated everyone should have received information at the West Nile Virus from the email he sent out. Mayor Jessup stated his sister was the first reported West Nile Virus case in Fort Bend County so he takes it very seriously as she almost lost her life. The City of Meadows Place is fortunate that it sets out pucks in the storm drains that kill the lava where mosquitos can't reproduce. The Culex mosquito is primary for West Nile Virus however traps are set in two places throughout the City. Traps are then collected by Fort Bend County where it's counted then sent to Austin for testing. Mayor Jessup feels that City staff is doing all they can to try to prevent the spread of the West Nile Virus. Councilmember Whiteman stated that it really does not matter for those who are diagnosed with West Nile but its good information. Councilmember Isbell asked are pucks being placed in the easement. Mayor Jessup stated pucks cannot be placed on power lines and the City will be renting the easement in the new fiscal year where the City will be able to mow. Councilmember Henley asked will Centerpoint share the cost. The Mayor stated no and mainly in the past residents would throw junk behind the property on Dorrance. Mayor Jessup stated if anyone sees any Blue Jays or Cardinals down, call it in immediately as this is a sign of the West Nile Virus and this are birds that are prone to the disease. Dan McGraw, Public Works Director will be putting information about the mosquitos in the newsletter and on the City's website. Mowing is done by tractor 2 to 3 times per week.

Third item for discussion is Transition of I.T. Mayor Jessup stated Jack, Captain with the police department is no longer receiving I.T. calls and has been totally transferred to Percento. Encode will be coming to discuss module for issuing permits will be coming to discuss on October 1 and will also be in discussion about option now that AVR billing is going away. The City was the only one left in the area still using a DOS based program so it is time to move on. Patty with Utilities is embracing the idea of changing to more up to date technology. Monya received a calendar invite on Outlook from Yolanda about a meeting and noticed when she clicked "accept" the event went away but ended up on her calendar. Mayor Jessup says these are the types of technology staff will be undergoing in weeks to come.

Fourth item for discussion Mayor Jessup stated that he has been involved once since he's been working on council with attending a Think Tank. Mayor Jessup stated this is where ideas are tossed around and it allows you an opportunity to see things from a different angle. The last meeting was held at Terry Henley's place. Councilmember Henley stated it is a good idea and how it did allow council an opportunity to go over different ideas. Mayor Jessup stated that Councilmember Henley is president this year of the EDC and can provide a report to the board as to ideas or things that they may come up with during Think Tank. Mayor Jessup stated that past funds for EDC were already spent but there may be an opportunity in the future. The City of Richmond is a good example of a City of our size that have benefited from money spent on projects with no outside cost and only cost the City of Richmond a couple of thousand dollars. Mayor Jessup suggested meeting on a Saturday possibly at the new tactical training center although Terry's place was nice by the lake and a great spot to toss ideas around. Mayor Jessup asked that we decide on dates and set up Think Tank after the beginning of the fiscal year after October 1. Mayor Jessup stated Police Chief Gary Stewart reported the Meadows Police Association has received furniture donations for the tactical training center and there are 30 chairs and 10 tables on the way.

There being no further business to consider, Councilmember John Isbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilkens, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Yolanda M. Wilson, City Secretary