



**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS HELD ON JUNE 20, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MEADOWS PLACE CITY HALL, 1 TROYAN DRIVE, MEADOWS PLACE, TX 77477**

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Jessup, at 7:06 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Charles D. Jessup, IV  
Mayor Pro Tem, John F. Isbell  
Alderman, Steven H. Bezner  
Alderman, Kelle K. Mills

City Secretary, Courtney Rutherford  
Alderman, Terry J. Henley  
Alderman, Rick J. Staigle

City Attorneys, Grady Randle, and Brandon Miller were also in attendance.

**B. Discussion with City Attorney regarding Social Media**

Mayor Jessup stated that he had some concerns regarding some things he seen regarding social media, therefore he asked the Mr. Randle to attend a workshop and educate Council on social media posts. He is aware of several closed group Facebook pages; Save Meadows, You Can't Say that in Meadows Place, and What's Happening in Meadows Place. He wanted Mr. Randle to discuss open meetings and open records regarding social media and these closed groups.

Mr. Randle stated that there are concerns regarding all social media including Twitter, Snapchat, etc. It is okay for elected officials to have social media and it is best to keep them private and only post about their personal life. But once an elected official posts anything political or regarding city business that page becomes a public forum and is subject to open meetings and public information. There was also discussion regarding Council comments on social media and the risk of walking quorum. Council members stated that if they comment they keep it to factual information and direct people back to the City's official page or the City's website.

The attorney's reminded Council that if they post anything related to City business it needs to be captured in the event of a public information request. In order to avoid violations he encouraged Council to keep comments on the City's official page. He also told them to modify their conduct in order to reduce risk. Council was encouraged to keep their personal accounts private and do not link it City business in any way, including not listing that they are a member of Council.

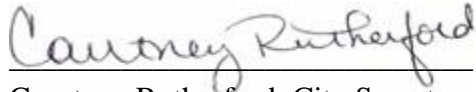
The attorneys suggested that the City create and adopt a Social Media Policy. Council was reminded to be careful about their post, deleting and blocking people. No decisions were made this meeting.

**C. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Bezner moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Henley seconded the motion and with unanimous approval the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**These minutes were approved by the City Council on Tuesday, June 26 2018.**

ATTEST:



Courtney Rutherford, City Secretary



Charles D. Jessup, IV, Mayor

