

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Present at City Hall was Mayor Julie Good. Present via Zoom were Council Members Darla Weber, Jeff Parnett, Darbey Edwards, and Shiloh Ryker.

Staff present at City Hall were Mac Qualls and Angie Mettie. City Attorney Dick Stubbs was present via Zoom.

Public present at City Hall were Nikki Crogh and Audrey Crogh. Public present via Zoom were Tim Farrell and Ed Stowe of Mountain Waterworks.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Presentations

Water Capital Project Presentation

Ed Stowe and Tim Farrell of Mountain Waterworks summarized the work on the water project. Phase 1, (Virginia Street, along with valve & hydrants) is complete. Phase 2, (land acquisition for well, water rights, and new well) is almost complete. The City will withhold \$5000 until the items of repairing the fence and site cleanup are completed by Digwell, Idaho. Stage 3 will include building the well house and adding pipe to connect to the system. Phase 4 will include replacing the booster station and the reservoir. The project budget was reviewed, and the change orders discussed. The Council will approve the bid process at the next meeting for the wellhouse construction.

Organization Spotlight: Meadows Valley Public Library

Audrey Crogh, Director of Meadows Valley Public Library, was invited to share about the library and all that it offers. She shared about the history of the library, her staff members, volunteers, and programs offered throughout the year. The library has a conference room for meetings, computers for online access, and many programs for both adults and youth. She stated that the library's biggest challenge is the limit on the small size of the building, as well as the aging infrastructure. She encouraged the community and City Council to stop by or volunteer.

Volunteer Spotlight: Ken & Nikki Crogh

Mayor Good recognized Ken & Nikki Crogh for the volunteer work they do throughout the community. They have spent time keeping the sidewalks clean at the park, have helped with Christmas lights at the park, and volunteer for City events such as the bike-a-thon and other special activities.

Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good is working on a campaign to keep fire hydrants shoveled out in the winter by having community members adopt a hydrant. She is also working with the fire/EMS to develop an emergency plan for when the highways are closed. Regarding the kiosk, she is working with Bret Loper to develop an inventory of the kiosk panels and have an event in Mid-April to celebrate the finished kiosk.

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Staff Reports

The Council reviewed submitted staff reports. Public Works Supervisor Wallace has been taking several classes. Council Member Edwards suggested the intersection of Virginia and South Heigho be paved, due to the amount of work involved in filling potholes and grading in that area. City Clerk Qualls stated that an LHTAC grant of \$100,000 was awarded that might be used toward that project.

Citizen Advisory Committee Review

The Council reviewed the updated Committee Purpose Statement of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Mayor Good would like the Committee to include the word “recreation” in the statement. They agreed that the revised statement was greatly improved.

Mailbag Items

Information was given on the Little Salmon River bridge project, which will start in April.

Discussion Items

Animal Control Job Description

Mayor Good shared the job description for an Animal Control Officer with the Council. Suggestions from the Council included working with the Sheriff’s office to create a database of animal control incidents, and compiling “mutt shots” of registered dogs, which would aid in the return of animals to their owners. City Clerk Qualls suggested the Computer Arts software would be a way of communicating with the Sheriff’s office and creating reports. Another idea was to run the complaints through the Sheriff’s office, who could then use the software to log the complaints. Hours that an animal control officer might be available were suggested from 8am-8pm. Mayor Good will talk with the Sheriff’s Department.

Perpetua Resources

Mayor Good stated that Midas Gold will be changing their name to Perpetua Resources. Ownership will not change, and nothing with the Stibnite Foundation or Stibnite Advisory Council will change. The reason for the change is to rebrand the Canadian company to an Idaho company. The name Perpetua is in the state seal of Idaho. They have received an administrative order of consent to clean up outside of their mining footprint, an area that was previously mined by other companies. This order is not part of the Stibnite project.

Parking – General /Zoning Ordinance Review

The Council brainstormed ideas to improve parking in the downtown corridor. These included a parking garage, providing off-street parking for weekly/monthly/yearly rates, parking meters, painting parking spaces, sharing space with other businesses, and locating investors to help with the improvements. An inventory of the number of spaces available will be compiled, and businesses will be asked to help track the number of parking spaces that are used throughout the day. Council Members will review other potential areas for parking and bring them to the next meeting.

Action Items

H2O Capital Project Well Drilling Change Order #3

- Council Member Edwards moved to approve the well drilling Change Order #3 for the Capital Water Project; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker – yes, Edwards – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

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H2O Capital Project – Certificate of Completion / Well Drilling

The amount of \$5,000 is being withheld from Digwell, Idaho until final completion of the fence repair and site cleanup.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the certificate of substantial completion; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes, Edwards – yes. Motion carried.

Impact Wrenches / Tool Purchases

Public Works Director Wallace provided a quote for needed tools and a grease gun in the amount of \$484.98.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve the purchase of \$485 of tools for Public Works; Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Weber – yes, Edwards – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Broadband Position Letter

This item was tabled.

Illegal Dumping Discussion / Action

After consulting with Attorney Stubbs, Mayor Good stated that the city may not have the authority as a city to offer a reward; however, the Governor could offer a reward. Council Member Ryker shared an idea from a community member regarding thermal cameras to find buildings with a change in heat levels. Mayor Good would like a brochure on the topic, which could be enclosed with the water bills. Council Member Ryker also suggested letting community members know the detriment that illegal dumping can have on water/sewer bills. City Clerk Qualls suggested talking to Midas Gold, as they have a lab that might be able to identify the material further. No action was taken.

Animal Control Job Description

Mayor Good will add the suggestions of a common database and “mutt shots” to the animal control job description.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the February 8, 2021 minutes, claims to date, and the January 2021 Financials. Mayor Good read the claims to the Council.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Edwards – yes, Ryker – yes, Weber – yes. Motion Carried.

Future Meeting Topics

- Capital Water Project Phase 3 Well Facility Bid Package – March
- Water/Sewer Backup Operator Agreement – March
- Broadband Letter – March
- Parking Locations
- Animal Control Job Description
- Personnel Policy Discussion / Approval – March

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- Brown's Mountain Market RV Dump Station Agreement – April

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 8:28 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Angie S. Mettie, Acting City Clerk