

**CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2024 AT 6:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS**

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Present at City Hall were Mayor Julie Good, Council Members Josh Carr, Troy Black, and Jeff Parnett. Council Member Ryker was excused.

City Attorney Dick Stubbs and City Engineer Grae Harper were present via Zoom.

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner and Diane Hunter.

Public present were Kayrene Brown, Jessica Lillehaug, Philip Good, Chris and Tracy Peterson, Doug and Nikki Buys, Nikki Crogh, Fred McFadden, Devin Buys, Willy and Donna Brown and Lindsey Harris. Present via zoom was Cammi Shipley.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Council Member Carr Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Doug Buys requested an updated status of the Dust Abatement and streets as well as a potential problem between the Fire Department and the City that was discussed with him by two city council members who are also on the New Meadows Fire Department. The mayor stated that she and the city have no issues with the Fire Dept. and/or Chief Buys and expressed her appreciation for Doug's input and the Fire Department's work in the community. Chief Buys stated he has no issue with Public Works asking him for advice and the Mayor explained that she had discouraged repeated requests for Doug's time and consultation out of respect for the fact that he was no longer a paid employee of the City. The Mayor expressed her desire that the two entities communicate more efficiently, especially after the recent implementation of inspection fees by the Fire Department which need to be part of local development conversations. Mayor Good also stated that Hunter Brown has been working by himself for the month of August and has not had a chance yet to put in place the recommendations from GMCO.

Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good reported that we are getting the park ready for Meadows Valley Days and it is also the Community wide yard-sale happening over Labor Day Weekend. There is a plan to have a groundbreaking event at the Childcare center after Labor Day. The Heartland Recyclers sign will be saved from the building and be reused. The City Hall Mural project is still on track, the submissions for this project will be displayed at the Depot for everyone to see. Mayor Good stated that she spoke with Lift Idaho which is a group that assist communities with the Local Option Tax. Mayor Good stated that cities have to prove that they are a destination city in order to qualify for having the Local Option Tax. Mayor Good stated that she suggested holding a public meeting for the community to provide information about the Local Option Tax.

West Central Mountain Economic Development Council

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Executive Director Lindsey Harris was present to report that the WCMEDC is a regional nonprofit group that supports Valley County and a portion of Northern Adams County. The group focuses on housing, broadband, infrastructure, community development, and early childhood education. They are currently working on a regional housing needs assessment. The housing assessment should be completed this fall and will be available to the public. The board is working on the Middle mile broadband project hoping to bring faster internet to our area. The next Economic Summit will be held November 4th, 2024, the location is still to be determined.

Discussion Items

Childcare/ Youth Center

Mayor Good stated that Dalrymple Construction is bringing in a Conex container so that Meadows Valley School will have a location to store items for the preschool and it will be placed on the North side of the skatepark property. They are also preparing the supports to lift the building. They will begin lifting the building on September 3rd. The City received the approved building permit last week. A notice has been sent out to all Industrial Park tenants to let them know about the increased traffic due to construction.

Park Use

Mayor Good stated that she has received several comments from the community about having some sort of sign showing when the park is being reserved. Council Member Parnett suggested that the park be split into quadrants and so there is more than one area that will be available for reservation. Council Member Carr suggested that we continue not to charge local groups but they should be able to use power and water if they need it. Council Member Black stated that we should charge out of town groups for park use to include water and power use and also vendors who want to use the park. Mayor Good stated that we will move forward with park reservations, cleaning deposits for not local users. Kyla will work on the ordinance and it will be available for discussion at a future meeting.

Action Items

Removal of Park Fence

Mayor Good requested to move this item to the top since they were talking about Park use. She stated that she was approached by Meadows Valley Days committee members about the fence that in the South East corner of the park. The committee is requesting that the fence be removed because it is not being used and it is in the way for Meadows Valley Days. Doug Buys stated that the time and labor to remove the fence can be donated by community members.

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- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the removal of the park fence on the South East corner of the park; Council Member Black seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

BMR CUP Monthly Status Report

Mayor Good had Kyla Gardner print an overview of the property that shows the area for Condition Number 4 of the Conditional Use Permit. Mayor Good stated that the City Council visited the site at the last City Council meeting. Willy and Donna Brown were present at that visit. Willy Brown stated that they removed all of the tires from the site and moved them to his parent's property. Willy stated that they are currently looking for a large trailer to remove all of the tires they are not keeping from the property. There are still tires on vehicles on the property. Council Member Carr stated that upon his site visit it looked like a land fill and not a recycling center. Mayor Good stated that the Council is currently giving the Browns the opportunity to satisfy the conditions of their Conditional Use Permit and the contract is in place to ensure they satisfy the requirements of the original permit. Council Member Carr stated that they are in violation of not fulfilling the requirements of the conditions that were due June 30th. Mayor Good stated that the condition of vacating the 300 feet from the creek is so that they can show there is currently nothing that is contaminating the area. That area that is required to be vacated is full of piles and there is no way to see what is contaminating the area. Donna Brown stated that the wording of the Conditional Use Permit is up to interpretation. Council Member Parnett stated that he did not think that the conditions of condition number 4 were met.

Browns Mountain Recycling CUP Determination

- Council Member Parnett moved to schedule a Public Hearing to determine if there is cause to revoke the Conditional Use Permit for Browns Mountain Recycling per City Ordinance Code 3-1-6; Council Member Black seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Carr – yes, Black - yes. Motion carried.

Workforce Development Council Childcare Grant Agreement

Mayor Good stated that the Workforce Development Council created the contract that has been reviewed by the City Attorney. The contract states that we will spend the \$600,000 awarded for the construction of the childcare building.

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- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Workforce Development Council Childcare Grant Agreement; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carr – yes, Parnett – yes, Black – yes. Motion carried.

Dalrymple Construction Contract

Mayor Good stated that the contract will be tabled until it can be reviewed by the City Attorney and City Engineer.

Executive Session 74-206(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;

- Council Member Carr moved to go into Executive Session under 74-206(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public-school student; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett - yes, Carr – yes, Black- Yes. Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 7:45 P.M. Executive Session ended at 8:00 P.M. Roll was called and all City Council Members and Mayor were present.

Employee Contract Approval

- Council Member Carr moved to approve the employment contract between the City of New Meadows and employee Jessica Wallace. Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Carr – yes, Black – yes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included July 2024 Financials and the paid and pending claims.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion Carried.

Future Meeting Topics

- Public Hearing September 23, 2024
- Park Use Ordinance

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- Local Option Tax
- Fred McFadden Alley

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk