

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.  
IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

## **Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance**

Present at City Hall were Council Members Jeff Parnett, Shiloh Ryker, and Mayor Julie Good. Present via Zoom were Council Members Josh Carr and Kaytlyn Goodwin.

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner and Angie Mettie. City Attorney Dick Stubbs and Dana Kautz were present via Zoom.

Public present at City Hall were Donna Brown, Josh Ford, and Don Schiermeier. Present via Zoom were Cameron Arial and Jace Perry of Clearwater Financial, Drew Dodson, and phone number 281-414-7675.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:33 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Reports**

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Good stated that the Harvest Festival / final Farmers Market will be held this coming Saturday at the park. A Trunk or Treat event will be held at the park on Halloween, and MeadowCreek and the school will be invited. The business leadership roundtable will be held October 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Discussion Items**

### 309 S Heigho

Donna Brown addressed the Council with a plan to place four park models at 309 S Heigho, which is zoned R-2. Each park model is 390 square feet, which is below the minimum requirement for an R-2 home. Mayor Good stated that a new zone would need to be created for tiny homes, as the current minimum square footage for a home is 800 square feet. This will take place at the next meeting, and then a design review can be held for this project.

### Reader Board at the Park

Mayor Good stated that the City should work with the school to repair or upgrade the reader board to working condition.

Josh Ford, a student of Meadows Valley, would like to create two benches for the park for his senior project. He will create a diagram of where the benches would be placed and will share the diagram at the next meeting.

### Community Service Ideas

Mayor Good is creating a list of community service ideas for volunteers, and will be meeting with a group of people on Thursday. Service might include weeding, garbage pickup, and sweeping sidewalks.

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EDU Discussion

The Council reviewed EDUs and discussed how they would be determined for future developments. The new standards would not apply to current properties. The Council chose to create a definition for dormitory. Each room up to eight rooms would count as half an EDU, with the kitchen also being half an EDU. A dormitory with 9-16 rooms would be charged half an EDU per room, with a full EDU for the kitchen. This item will be added to the next agenda for approval.

**Action Items**

Clearwater Financial Decision

The Council asked additional questions of Perry and Arial regarding Clearwater Financial. A question was asked regarding costs listed that were left open such as travel expenses. They stated that a cap could be placed on this, or it might be more specifically itemized. Council Member Parnett asked if this plan would save the city money in the long term. Mayor Good stated that the savings will be more than the initial amount, and will be visible in the next ten years. Having this financial plan for the city removes the need for a financial planner. Council Member Ryker stated that the plan would have long-term benefits and would be fiscally responsible to proceed. Council Member Carr considered the option smart planning, as it provided a plan for the future.

- Council Member Goodwin moved to approve the contract with Clearwater Financial; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Goodwin – yes, Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes, Carr – yes. Motion carried.

Family Dollar Expansion

Developer Rhy Lund provided a second set of plans, but did not attend the meeting. The plans showed the power poles in the alley/driveway, stating that they would either be moved or removed. Mayor Good tabled the decision until final plans were documented. Per City Attorney Stubbs, a new public hearing must be held, as new evidence is being submitted.

Bull Sculpture

This decision was tabled.

County Property

Mayor Good stated that she received a text from possibly the Road and Bridge department stating the recycle center value was \$100,000 - \$120,000 to replace. Mayor Good will continue discussions with the County.

Text Messaging System

Kyla Gardner summarized information on a text messaging system, which would cost \$806 per year. The plan can be upgraded as needed if more texts are necessary.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the standard plan with mobile text alerts; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

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Well Construction on Sundays 7am-7pm

Mayor Good stated that the licensed contractors working on Well #5 stay in New Meadows during the length of the project, as they live far away. John Stone asked, if on occasion, the workers might work on a Sunday if something needed to be finished. It would only be during this project and would rarely occur. Council Member Ryker would like to ensure this was not discriminatory against other contractors. Council Member Parnett would like residents in the area to be contacted.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve well construction work on Sundays from 7am-7pm as needed; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Write-Off of Outstanding Journal Entry: \$313.98

The Auditor stated that the City Council must approve the discrepancy of \$313.98 in accounting, that has carried over for several years.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve writing off \$313.98 from the City's accounts; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

City Hall Postage Machine

Quotes were provided for a new postage machine, as the current one is obsolete and not in working order. Quotes were received from Allied Business Solutions and Quadiant.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve a new postage machine from Allied Business Solutions; Council Member Goodwin seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Noise Ordinance TBD-2022

The revised draft ordinance included an updated definition of noise and provided a decibel chart for reference. The chart will not be used to enforce the ordinance.

- Council Member Ryker moved to introduce Ordinance TBD-2022, and suspend the rules requiring three separate readings on three separate days and read by title only once; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Gardner read the ordinance by title only.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve Ordinance TBD-2022; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion Carried.

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda included September 12, 2022 meeting minutes, paid and pending claims, and August 2022 financials.

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City Clerk Gardner polled the Council and all members stated that they had read the minutes.

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

### **Future Meeting Topics**

Future meeting topics included Josh Ford senior project, dormitory definition, EDU amendment, tiny home code, bull sculpture, county property, hammer arresters (2<sup>nd</sup> October meeting), seasonal town décor discussion, and community health program grant.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

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Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk