

**CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2025 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 Jeff Parnett, Traci Foster, and Josh Carr. Council Member Ryker was present via zoom.

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

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner and Sonya Brodhecker.

Public present was Andy Brodhecker, Doug Buys, Chris Peterson, Tracy Peterson, Philip Good, and Rachel Reynaga. Sierra Christie and Linnea Hall were present via zoom.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good presented her Mayor's report to the Council.

Discussion Items

New Meadows Youth Center

Mayor Good stated she met with Jeff Luff from 4 Corners Communication, Ian and Allison, Joe and Kimberly Dalrymple, Kirk and Hunter for a walk through of the Youth Center to discuss the communication systems that will be placed in the youth center. Mayor Good stated that outdoor cover for the playground is being donated by R & M Steel. Mayor Good stated that the City Council was forwarded an email that the City received from the Meadows Valley Rural Fire District. It was sent to the City on Thursday February 20th, 2025 in the afternoon. The City attorney has drafted a response, that is available for the City Councils review. Mayor Good stated that the City has hired experienced General Contractors, project managers and architects for this project and were all unaware that plans needed to be given to the Fire Department for this project. Mayor Good stated that she will personally take a copy of the printed plans to the Fire Department tomorrow as requested. It was never the City's intention to not provide that information. Mayor Good asked the City Council members if they have been asked by the Fire Department for copies of those plans.

All City Council members confirmed that there has been no request from the Fire Department for copies of the Youth Center plans.

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Mayor Good stated that there has been no record up until this point that the Fire Department has requested to see these plans. Mayor Good stated that the Fire Department has been present at multiple meetings regarding this project.

Doug Buys stated that he has been present multiple times to discuss how a commercial building has to go through fire inspections. He stated that the Fire Department does not have to ask for the records or those plans. It is up to that person to supply the plans to the Fire Department. Doug stated he called the State Fire Marshal, and he has not seen the plans. Doug stated that it is in the International Fire Code about daycares. He stated they drafted the letter to the City at the Fire Marshals request. He stated that they need to know if that building needs sprinklers, alarm systems and egress. Doug stated they are doing their due diligence to taxpayers in our district. Doug stated he will be reviewing it internally as well as the State Fire Marshal when they have those plans. Doug stated that he will provide suggestions and recommendations on the forms the Mayor requested. Doug stated they have went over this many times and they need to make sure this project is safe. Doug stated if it has to go further legally obviously, they can not use the Adams County Sheriff's Office or the Adams County Prosecuting Attorney since the City has contract with them. If it gets to that level he will take it where it needs to.

Council Member Foster asked for clarification if according to the Fire District that the City is currently in any violation.

Doug Buys stated he will not know until he sees plans.

Mayor Good stated that the response email will be sent out first thing in the morning and a copy of the plans will be hand delivered tomorrow.

Volunteer Policy

Council Member Foster will make changes to the volunteer guidelines and community relations sections of the draft policy and then it will be sent to City Attorney Dick Stubbs for review.

Local Option Tax

Mayor Good stated that the local option tax information was sent to all City Council Members and added to the packet for review. Mayor Good stated that 60% of the voters would have to approve the Local Option Tax in order for it to go into effect. Mayor Good stated that letters from local businesses that state the influx of travelers will help to confirm that we are a resort city. She stated they will have to figure out what items they will add this tax to.

Council Member Foster asked for clarification on what types of businesses and items could be taxed.

Mayor Good read aloud from the Idaho Code that the following items could be taxed hotel, motel, other sleeping accommodations rented or leased for less than 30 days, liquor by the drink, wine,

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beer for consumption sold on the premises, and sales tax on part or all sales subject to tax according to the sales tax commission. Mayor Good stated this is where we need to decide what items will be taxed. Mayor Good stated that we have several Airbnb's in town now. She stated that is where McCall is able to receive much of their revenue from the Local Option Tax.

Council Member Ryker suggested we review the list and see what we should tax, concentrating on those items that are most used by tourists. Ryker stated that we should come up with a catch phrase to help educate and promote the local option tax.

Council Member Foster stated it was important that education is provided to the public to inform them that this should not be a burden to them but to those people who are traveling through our community.

Action Items

Road & Street Committee Appointments

Mayor Good stated that she has not got confirmation from Johnny Brown that he would like to be a part of the committee and recommends omitting him from the approval until she gets confirmation.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Road & Streets Committee Appointments for Doug Buys, Doug Deasy, and Ken Crogh; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carr – yes, Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Foster – yes. Motion Carried.

Sonya Brodhecker – Notary Approval

- Council Member Foster moved to approve Sonya Brodhecker becoming a notary for the City; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Approval of John Stone as Inspector on Ziplly Project

Mayor Good stated this is not a cost to the City, only that John Stone would be an approved inspector on the Ziplly Project.

- Council Member Carr moved to approve having John Stone be the inspector on the Ziplly Project; 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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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.

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Executive Session began at 7:39 P.M. Executive Session ended at 7:49 P.M. Roll was called and the Mayor and all City Council Members were present.

Change in Employee wage/status

- Council Member Foster moved to approve changing Kyla Gardner to a salaried employee at her current wage rate for 40 hours per week with anything over 35 hours being considered comp time; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included paid and pending claims, and the February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

- Council Member Carr 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

- Volunteer Policy
- Road and Street Appointment
- Local Option Tax
- Rock Source- Grae Harper
- Childcare Foundation MOU
- Presentation – Idaho Children’s Trust Fund
- Emergency Flood Plan

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Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 7:57 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk