

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Public present at City Hall was Kaytlyn Gilliam, David McNight from Air Bridge, and Chelsea Tuttle from the Star News. Present via Zoom was Kim Northway from the Record Reporter.

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

Public Input

There was no public input.

Presentations

Broadband Presentation

David McNight gave a presentation regarding the possibility of bringing high-speed broadband to New Meadows. His company is interested in working with rural towns and outlying residents who may not have access to Internet from other companies. He stated that a 40' structure is required, as is line of sight. He would like to get Adams County on board, and also is willing to create free wi-fi areas, possibly at the park, which would be a benefit for travelers.

After the Broadband presentation, new Council Member Kaytlyn Gilliam was appointed and sworn in, thus joining the Council for the remainder of the meeting (see below).

Reports

Mayor Good gave an oral report stating that ICRMP offered many resources to help in creating checklists for emergency situations that may arise. They are willing to help review procedures and offer suggestions. All checklists will be reviewed by the City Attorney prior to implementation.

Mayor Good also asked that the community be encouraged to help with cleanup. Flyers have been created, and funds have been donated for items that require payment at the transfer site. She cautioned against city staff entering private property to help remove items but asked that residents bring items to the curb for pickup on designated days.

She also informed the Council that David Eaton has sold his cell tower. She is in hopes that the agreement of donated space for the City on the tower was transferred with the sale.

Public Works Assistant Potter stated that the cleanup day on May 15th was a success. Six dump truck loads were taken to the transfer site. Potter also volunteered a second day to complete

cleanup work. Flyers have been created for the next cleanup day, and residents have been informed about the effort. The city shop has also been organized and cleaned by Potter.

Discussion Items

Housing Discussion / Zoning Review

Mayor Good suggested a portion of the R-3 zone could be zoned for singles or couples who would be interested in affordable tiny homes. These smaller homes might be placed closer together, and only require one parking space. She did not want the entire R-3 zone to have these specifications, but possibly certain areas. Attorney Stubbs will research zoning to find out about creating a new zone. City Clerk Gardner will look at tiny home developments in other communities for ideas.

Stibnite Grant – Dog Kennel

Council Member Weber provided information, websites, and photos regarding what the city dog kennels might look like when upgraded. Public Works Assistant Potter stated that the cement foundation and structure are sound. Only the inside might need upgrading. Council Member Gilliam stated that the project might be of interest to Seniors as their Senior Project. Estimates for materials will be obtained from C&M, and a grant applied for.

Action Items

Short Term RV Ordinance – Sunset of Displacement Permit

The Council discussed the options for the sunseting displacement permit amidst the current housing crisis. If a property owner chose to create RV pads within the stipulations in the ordinance and hook up permanent RVs to water and sewer, one would be able to rent out the RVs to those who cannot find housing. This would not be used for travelers or vacation rentals. The Council chose to change the permit expiration from 90 days to 180 days. The Council also chose not to verify income of those living in the RVs, as they would be tenants of the property owner. All other stipulations would still apply, and the displacement option will be reviewed again in two years. The Council would like to receive an update in September 2021 to review the number of displacement permits applied for, and to discuss possible pocket parks for RVs, if the permitting process is being used by residents.

Rates & Fees Amendment

The Council reviewed the updated Rates & Fees Resolution, which added the word “infertile” to the \$10 dog license rate, and also lowered the \$100 Vacation RV fee to include a \$5 one-time Vacation permit fee.

- Council Member Ryker moved to Approve the two changes for the rates and fees on the Consolidated Fees Resolution; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – Yes, Ryker – yes, Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion carried.

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After the broadband presentation, City Clerk Gardner swore in Gilliam, who signed the Oath of Office and joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of Council Seat Appointment – Kaytlyn Gilliam

- Council Member Weber moved to approve the appointment of Kaytlyn Gilliam to the vacant City Council seat; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion carried.

IRWA Training for Daniel Potter

The Council reviewed training information for Daniel Potter to attend overnight training May 25-27, 2021.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve of Daniel Potter attending IRWA training and travel May 25-27, 2021; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Weber – yes, Gilliam – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Approval of City Hall Closure

All City Hall staff will be at training June 16-18, 2021.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve City Hall closures for June 16-18th; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Gilliam – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included minutes from May 10, 2021, April 2021 Financials, and paid & pending claims. Mayor Good read the claims.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote: Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Topics

- Budget Presentation – Kautz
- Stibnite Grant – Speed limit Signs, Dog Kennel
- Housing Discussion – Gardner / Stubbs
- Revised Short-Term RV Ordinance
- Ordinance Calendar for Review
- Mountain Waterworks – Rebid
- Engineer’s Report
- Virginia Street Project closeout update
- September – Review displacement permitting

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Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk