

**CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS**

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Public present at City Hall were Jack Hellbusch, Rhy Lund, Felisha Tushkowski, Kristi Scott, Dollie Black, Kayrene Brown, and Mark Peterson at 7:40pm. Public present via Zoom were Drew Dodson and Sandy Schiffman.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:03 P.M. and Councilman Carr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Reports

Staff Reports

The Council reviewed staff reports and had no comments or questions for staff.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good reported that the lights in the park have created an interest in the community. She stated that Kyla is working on setting up interviews with Clearwater Financial.

Discussion Items

Downtown Parking Committee

Mayor Good would like to set up a downtown parking committee to come up with solutions for parking in the downtown corridor. She would like the committee to be comprised of business owners in the downtown corridor and one council member. Council Member Carr volunteered to sit on this committee.

Burn Ordinance Discussion

Mayor Good suggested the burn ordinance be revisited. Currently, burn permits are only required from May through October, following the state fire season regulations. In order to inform residents who wish to burn of the materials that are not permitted to be burned, it is necessary to have residents obtain a permit year-round. The permit would be free from October to May, when burn permits are not required by the state. The Council agreed that this extra step would help with education. A draft amendment will be placed on a future agenda.

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Public Hearings

Family Dollar Expansion Design Review Hearing

Mayor Good opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 P.M.

Family Dollar Representative Rhy Lund stated that they are still trying to move forward with the project, and have made the suggested changes to the plans requested by the Council.

Public testimony was given by Jack Hellbusch residing at 306 Katherine Street. He stated that per the plans, the dumpster enclosure seems to sit across from the doors to his shop. With the expansion, and then the dumpster enclosure, he will have difficulty pulling out of his shop with his trailer. Lund stated that it should not be a problem to move the dumpster enclosure so that it was not sitting across from the doors to the Hellbusch shop.

Public Testimony was given by Sandy Schiffman , residing at 416 S Heigho. She stated that she still had issue with the landscaping and the care of the property. She had thought that a District Manager would attend to speak to those. She felt that the local management did not have a say in local issues such as landscape maintenance. She would like for upper management to show an interest in the community.

Rhy Lund stated that Felicia Tushkowski, store manager, was present to speak to concerns. Tushkowski stated that she is able to deal with local concerns, such as contractors, and is trying to keep on top of landscaping and snow removal. She said that the store is working on staffing and is trying to get the store stocked and looking better. She is able to contact corporate if contractors are not completing duties.

Jack Hellbusch wished to note that the first time the store was plowed, a large berm was left in front of his shop, and that it was removed efficiently upon notice.

Mayor Good stated that these were the concerns of the city as well, and that landscaping is an issue in regards to weeds and animal feces along the sidewalks.

Rhy Lund had no other comments. There were no other comments from the public. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:21 P.M.

Rates & Fees Public Hearing

A public hearing was held to change the fees for dogs at large and also to add the Design Review fee to the resolution.

Mayor Good opened the Public Hearing at 6:22 P.M.

There were no comments from the public.

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Mayor Good closed the Public Hearing at 6:22 P.M.

Action Items

Family Dollar Design Review

Mayor Good stated that keeping up with the maintenance of the property is a necessity. She stated that the Council could place stipulations on the design review.

Council Member Parnett stated that once approved, the approval could not be rescinded. He suggested a business license program, where the license could be revoked.

Council Member Ryker stated that a business license would not be reasonable since New Meadows does not have a Chamber to support the businesses. She stated that she was not comfortable approving the design review, as she did not feel that Corporate representatives took an interest in the store, and did not attend the meeting. She had compassion for the local employees, but did not feel that Corporate was accountable to the City, which was shown by their outstanding bill for maintenance this past summer.

Council Member Carr stated that he felt the design plan was good, and that he appreciated local management and thanked them for doing their part. However, it was important that corporate take an interest in the store.

Mayor Good reiterated their statements that they wished not to approve the design review. All Council Members confirmed that they wished to deny the design review.

Resolution TBD-2023 Rates & Fees

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve Resolution TBD-2023 Rates & Fees; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carr – yes, Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Alcoholic Beverage License Applications

Alcoholic Beverage License applications were received from Brown’s Market, Turning Point Chevron, The Intersection, Kuzns Kahili Club, and Delish Catering.

Mayor Good noted a discrepancy in the Delish Catering application, which listed Delish Catering on the state license as a local restaurant at 700 Virginia, serving wine on premises. This option was not noted on the city application. She would like clarification before approval.

- Council Member Carr moved to approve Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Brown’s Mountain Market, Turning Point Chevron, The Intersection, and Kuzns Kahili Club; 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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Stibnite Advisory Council Representative Appointment

Mayor Good stated that she is currently the chair for this Council. She read a letter of their activities. She would like to continue to serve on this committee. No other parties expressed interest in serving.

- Council Member Parnett moved to appoint Julie Good for the Stibnite Advisory Council Representative for New Meadows; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Stibnite Foundation Board Appointment

Mayor Good stated that she is currently the secretary of this board, and the Council could choose to reappoint her if they chose to. No other parties expressed interest in this position.

- Council Member Parnett moved to recommend Julie Good remain as the Stibnite Foundation Board Representative for New Meadows; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Industrial Park Repairs

Dolly Black provided photos of the Meat Shop in the Industrial Park and explained the repairs needed. These included removing the iron rails from the ceiling, patching holes, removing exhaust fans, re-routing pipes in certain areas, and removing the FRP from the walls and replacing with sheetrock. The total for this work was estimated at \$60,000. Mayor Good suggested that some of the work could be exchanged for rent. Kyla Gardner stated that the 12-months previously approved in exchange for work totaled approximately \$7000. Black suggested possibly having the City pay for the materials and the labor could be used in place of rent. The cost of materials was estimated at \$20,000. She stated that their labor costs would be cheaper now, during the slow times, than it will be in the summer, when they are busy. Council Member Parnett suggested extending the time period over the approved twelve months. Kristi Scott stated that the building plans would be helpful in locating the water lines within the building. Staff will work on locating these. Mayor Good stated that a special meeting could be called to approve the work once funds are located to pay for it.

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 Parnett moved to go into Executive Session per Section 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 seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion Carried.

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Executive Session was entered at 7:19 P.M.

- Council Member Carr moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:27 P.M.; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion Carried.

Council Members Carr, Parnett, Ryker, and Mayor Good were present after Executive Session was closed.

Law Enforcement Agreement F/Y 22-23

Mayor Good stated that she had a conversation with the Sheriff's Department. When people call the County regarding New Meadows, she asked that they instruct the community to call the city. This way, correct information can be given out. After reviewing the contract, Mayor Good noted that it states that a deputy will attend a quarterly meeting. She would like to contact them to schedule meetings that will work for them.

- Council Member Carr moved to approve the F/Y 22-23 Law Enforcement Agreement; Council Member Parnett 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, December 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes, and September/October 2022 Financials. Mayor Good asked that the September/October Financials be placed on hold until a paper copy was available.

Kyla Gardner polled the Council and all stated that they had read the minutes.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Consent Agenda minus the Financials; Council Member Carr 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 Alcoholic Beverage License applications, Burn Ordinance amendment, Sheriff Deputy invitation, hammer arrester discussion, water project update, and an update from Crestline Engineers.

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk