

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 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, Josh Carr, Kaytlyn Goodwin, and Mayor Julie Good. Council Member Shiloh Ryker was available via Zoom.

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner and Angie Mettie.

Public present at City Hall were Stacy Loper, Kayrene & Johnny Brown, Doug Buys, Linnea Hall, Floyd Beck, Lucas Nicholson, Chris & Tracy Peterson, Nikki Crogh, and Amanda Branstetter. Drew Dodson was present via Zoom.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:32 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Action Items

Sand Volleyball Court Decision

The Council reviewed the Google Survey that was placed online for community input, which had 71 responses. Of those responses, 51.4% said the court would not benefit Meadows Valley, and 48.6% said it would benefit Meadows Valley. Survey boxes were placed around town. There were 16 votes for the court and 14 votes against the court. Facebook comments were presented to the Council, along with two written surveys and one written comment.

Floyd Beck shared where the court would be placed and how it would be built and paid for. He also shared why he did not want to refurbish the court at the school. Reasons included the remote location and fencing issues.

The public who attended the meeting shared their comments regarding the placement of the volleyball court in the park.

Doug Buys: Labor Day is a Meadows Valley tradition that should not be minimized. A park has many uses, but a volleyball court has only one. The school has an unused volleyball court. As with many other projects, the city will eventually be responsible for the upkeep.

Tracy Peterson: Taxpayers will ultimately end up paying for the court through liability insurance. Who will secure the advertising? Cats are also a concern.

Linnea Hall: Why could the school's court not be refurbished?

Johnny Brown Jr.: The corner where the court would sit is used for the car show during Meadows Valley Days.

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Lucas Nicholson: The car show utilizes this area for the Car Show at Meadows Valley Days, and it is important not to lose Meadows Valley Days.

Chris Peterson: The school volleyball court is rarely, if ever used. There is plenty of space at the school. The skate park, baseball field, and bike park will be at the school, so the volleyball court would fit in well. Possibly talk to the school board about refurbishing the court there.

Nikki Crough: Park maintenance is currently lacking. Bushes need to be trimmed and sidewalks need to be blown off, which she has done many times. A volleyball court would be one more thing to maintain.

The City Council gave their comments on the proposed court:

Kaytlyn Goodwin: Volleyball is the most well-attended sport at school, and can involve all age levels. Location is the issue.

Jeff Parnett: The park is the better location for the court. Advertising would be difficult to obtain for the school site, where no one would see it. Labor Day in New Meadows has four days of use, while a volleyball court would have much more. The cat problem as a whole should be addressed, not just at the volleyball court.

Shiloh Ryker: Per community feedback, there is not support from the community for this project.

Josh Carr: This is a great project, and would provide community involvement. A bandstand might be considered for this area, or something that would compliment Labor Day events. The school site could be utilized. The park needs to remain a park. Based on community feedback, there is not sufficient support for this project.

After deliberation, the Council voted on the volleyball court.

- Council Member Parnett moved to accept the offer from Floyd Beck of a sand volleyball court in the park; Council Member Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Carr – no, Goodwin – yes, Ryker – no. Mayor Good – no. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk