

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 AT 6:30 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

## **Welcome – Roll Call**

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

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner, Dana Kautz, and Daniel Potter. City Attorney Dick Stubbs was present via Zoom. Also present from Mountain Waterworks- Ed Stowe and Tim Farrell.

There was no public present.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:31 P.M.

## **Public Input**

There was no public input.

## **Reports**

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Good would like to encourage a new cleanup program for springtime this year and is looking for volunteers for 2-3 city cleanup days. The city dump truck can be used to haul trash from people's yards. Mayor Good will schedule it for the spring. Mayor Good read a letter from Warren Drake stating that he would like to withdraw his offer as backup operator for the City of New Meadows. Mayor Good said the City will need to find a new backup operator.

### Staff Reports

The Council reviewed staff reports.

### Mountain Waterworks

Tim Farrell from Mountain Waterworks stated that he has a connection at Idaho Rural Water that works as a backup operator.

Last week a bid opening was held for the well #5 well project. There was a limited supply of people to bid on the project. There is a 120-day limit to complete the project. There were 2 bidders for the project and one of them was unresponsive. The one bid was for \$790,000. The lowest bidder bid \$140,000 just for moving equipment. Bids were way above the projected cost. MWW might recommend the bid be pushed out and a longer period of completion time be given, pushing into next fall and the following spring to be completed.

## **Action Items**

### Water/Sewer Primary/ Backup Operator Contract

Mayor Good Stated that the contract for Doug Buys was drawn up by Dick Stubbs for Water/Sewer Primary/Backup Operator Contractor. The contract was sent out by email to Council for review.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve Doug Buys as the Water/ Sewer Primary/ Backup operator; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote – Parnett – yes, Weber – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion Carried.

### Broadband Plan

Mayor Good has talked with Air Bridge and there is the possibility of being connected to the cell phone towers. Air Bridge would put in equipment to provide internet service to everyone in town. Mayor Good is asking permission to talk to the tower company for more information before moving forward. Council Members Weber, Ryker and Parnett were in favor of moving forward on getting information.

### Overnight Training/Travel June 16-18<sup>th</sup> for City Staff

Mayor Good stated that she wants approval for all three city staff members to be able to go to the annual AIC training located in Boise June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the city staff to go to the annual AIC training in June; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

### Seal Coating -Peterson Memorial

Mayor Good would like city council members' approval of the Knife River's bid to seal coat Peterson Memorial this year.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the seal coating of Peterson Memorial this year to be done by Knife River; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

### Payroll Date Changes

Mayor Good would like to change the payroll dates from the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month, to give staff more time to complete payroll.

- Council Member Weber moved to change the payroll dates from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month and from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

### Volunteer Recognition

Mayor Good would like to table this for the next agenda.

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Approval of City Clerk/ Treasurer to become Notaries

Mayor Good would like the City Clerk and City Treasurer to be notaries for the office to provide the office and city notaries during working hours of city hall.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve the City Clerk and Treasurer to become notaries for city hall and public during city hall working hours; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Wellhouse Bid Acceptance

Mayor Good is going to recommend looking at a new plan.

Stibnite Foundation Grant

Mayor Good has stated that the Stibnite grant opened up on April 1<sup>st</sup>. She would like to get input from the council and City Staff on what projects to apply for.

**Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda included minutes from March 22, 2021, March 25, 2021, March 2021 Payroll, and the paid and pending claims. Mayor Good read the claims. Mayor Good would like to add the Oath of Office was given to Kyla Gardner by Angie Mettie to the March 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to the March 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

**Future Meeting Topics**

- Housing Development Discussion – April 26th
- Training – Safety in the Workplace
- Volunteer recognition
- Business spotlight
- Mountain waterworks
- Backup operator contract

**Adjournment**

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

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Julie A. Good, Mayor

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