

**CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES & PUBLIC HEARING
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023 AT 6:30 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. Council Member Ryker was available via Zoom.

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

Public present at City Hall were Troy & Dolly Black, Kristi Scott, Kayrene Brown, Cory Fischer, Undersheriff Chris Green, Amy Manning, and Daniel D’Lerma. Present via Zoom were Michael Toole and Drew Dodson.

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

Public Input

There was no public input.

Presentation

Amy Manning gave a presentation summarizing III-A’s work over the past year. She shared the many benefits that employees receive and stressed that screenings help detect problems early, which saves lives and money. She said that cities should plan a 10% increase each year when budgeting.

Reports

Adams County Sheriff

Chris Green from the Sheriff’s Department visited and shared about their work in New Meadows. He stated that there have been 100 traffic stops in New Meadows, two of which were DUIs. Approximately 60% of stops involve speeding. Mayor Good asked about the awareness of the Department of First Amendment Auditors. He stated that they would be willing to share pointers with staff. Mayor Good also asked about tips on ways business owners and staff could feel protected in the workplace. Green said that Council is providing self-defense classes and that defensive tactics would be helpful.

Staff Reports

The Council reviewed staff reports and had no questions. Mayor Good stated that she is working on clarification of duties for staff. Hunter will be in charge of security and aiding contractors. Ivan will be in charge of the park and restrooms.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Good stated that the mural project has been funded by a grant. She is working with YAC to get the project started. She also would like to put together a youth leadership academy, and is looking for a grant to help repair the reader board sign at the park.

Discussion Items

Open Burning Ordinance & Burning Materials

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The issue of burning paper and cardboard was questioned recently when a burn permit was issued for these items, which were not specifically listed on the application as items not to burn. Michael Toole of DEQ attended the meeting to answer questions and clarify state law. He provided pamphlets that can be shared with the public.

Regarding paper and cardboard, he stated that if curbside garbage service or access to a transfer site is available, paper products are not to be burned. They are considered to be household trash. This is a state rule.

Mayor Good asked what the city's responsibility is to DEQ regarding burning. Toole stated that the city is independent of DEQ, and jurisdiction falls to the city to enforce. The State can enforce their own code if not covered in city code, but DEQ usually only steps in when a complaint is filed or when there is an issue. They try to work with fire departments, cities, and counties.

Toole clarified the definition of "processed wood." He stated that it is difficult to tell if older wood has been treated, but that clean 2x4s are safe to burn. Railroad ties, particle board, and plywood would be considered processed wood.

Toole also stated that he read the City's ordinance and was impressed with its coverage. Education is important, and suggestions are welcome to help educate residents, where burning has been a way of life.

Feeding of Wildlife

Mayor Good stated that 40+ turkeys and 6-8 deer are visiting / living within the city limits of New Meadows, most likely due to food sources. She asked the Council's opinion on this. Council Member Parnett stated that an ordinance could be written. He stated that 15 deer were put down in McCall due to lice, and that openly feeding wildlife is not good for their populations. Council Member Ryker suggested contacting Fish and Game, as both turkeys and deer would be considered wild game. This would make the distinction between feeding wild birds and larger wild game animals.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held for an application received from Cory Fisher, owning property at 300 and 304 South Miller, who requested a zone change from Residential-two to Residential-three.

Opening of Public Hearing

Mayor Good opened the public hearing at 7:19 P.M.

Introduction

Cory Fischer stated that he had two lots on South Miller, which were 60'x150'. A house is being built on one of the lots, and he would like to build a duplex or triplex on the other lot, but he is a couple hundred square feet short of the minimum requirement for lot size. By changing zones, this minimum requirement can be met, and he will be able to build.

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Governing Body Questions to Applicant

Mayor Good asked what the size the duplex might be? Fischer stated that he would like to build a two-story home with a three bedroom / two bathroom unit, and a two bedroom / two bathroom unit. There were no other questions from the Council.

Staff Report Review

The Council reviewed the staff report. Mayor Good stated that in addition to the lots being used for RVs most recently, a home used to sit on the lots.

Governing Body Questions to the Staff

There were no questions to the staff.

Testimony In Favor / Neutral / Opposed

There was no testimony for this hearing. No written comment was received.

Rebuttal from Applicant

There was no rebuttal.

Final Questions from Governing Body

There were no questions.

Close of Public Hearing

The public hearing was closed at 7:24 P.M.

Action Items

Zone Change Decision

- Council Member Carr moved to approve the rezoning of Block 32 lots 1-4 located at 300 and 304 S Miller Avenue from Residential-two to Residential-three. The approval is based on the findings of fact that the rezone complies with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan and complies with the approval criteria as outlined in the Staff Report; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Carr – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

IRWA Training – Ivan McDaniel

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve IRWA training for Ivan McDaniel; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Resolution TBD-2023 – Address Request Change – 316 ½ South Heigho

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A request was received to change the address of 316 ½ South Heigho. The house sits behind and to the right of 316 South Heigho, which causes confusion. The new address will be 320 South Heigho.

- Council Member Carr moved to approve the address change request from 316 ½ South Heigho to 320 South Heigho; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Resolution TBD-2023 – Address Request – 300 Wiley Street

A new water / sewer hookup was purchased by Joe Sullivan, and his lot was split to provide additional housing. The address for the additional housing unit will be 300 Wiley Street.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the address request; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Carr – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Industrial Park Lease Agreement – All Seasons Refrigeration

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Industrial Park lease; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Carr – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Meat Shop Budget / Repairs Update

The Council reviewed the list of items that were suggested for repair. They chose to have the highest priority items repaired, such as the plumbing, and patching the hole in the ceiling. Other work, such as sheet rocking, will be left until a later date. They will be able to trade work for rent for twelve months.

Dolly Black inquired about selling the walk-in cooler. In order for the cooler to be usable, \$10,000+ in equipment would need to be purchased additionally. City staff will move the pieces to the storage shed and the items will be listed for auction.

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; (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement;

- Council Member Carr moved to go into Executive Session under 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; (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 7:40 P.M. The Council came out of Executive Session at 7:53 P.M. Roll was called and Council Members Ryker, Parnett, and Carr were present, along with Mayor Good.

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Action After Executive Session – Employee Classification Change

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve an employee classification change for Jessica Wallace from full-time to regular part-time; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Action After Executive Session – Decision to Support City of Moscow Appeal Amicus Brief

- Council Member Carr moved to support the City of Moscow amicus brief; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Carr – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included Paid and Pending Claims, January 2023 Payroll, and January 23, 2023 meeting minutes. Kyla Gardner polled the Council, and all stated that they had read the minutes.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Consent Agenda; 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 an animal control ordinance amendment, hammer arresters, parking committee update, report from Kirk Kundrick, Fish & Game information, Industrial Park lease review, and a Weiser River Trail update in April.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk