

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Present at City Hall was Mayor Julie Good and Council Member Kaytlyn Gilliam. Council Members Jeff Parnett and Darla Weber were present via Zoom. Shiloh Ryker was absent.

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

Public Present at City Hall were Ann DeChambeau, Korby Dickey, Tom Anderson, Micki Eby, John Fields, Darbey Edwards, Debbie Slack, Loretta McConnor, and JoAnn Aspiazu. Present via Zoom were Ed Stowe, Drew Dodson, Gregg Tankersley, Sandy Schiffman, and Linnea Hall.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:33 P.M.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Presentation

Volunteer Spotlight – The Fosdick

Mayor Good presented Tom Anderson and the Fosdick Volunteers with a certificate of appreciation for all that The Fosdick has done for the Meadows Valley community including scholarships to students and awards to non-profit organizations in New Meadows. The Fosdick has been raising funds for the community for 36 years and has raised over \$700,000.

Budget Presentation – Dana Kautz

City Treasurer Kautz presented an overview of the budget, highlighting budget lines that should be adjusted for the upcoming fiscal year. She will put together a budget summary for review.

Reports

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Wallace stated that seepage testing is being conducted and that roads are being graded in preparation for road oil.

Public Works Assistant Potter stated that concrete has been poured for the sidewalk on Peterson Memorial, although the amount of concrete needed has not been received. Potter is working on obtaining his water and wastewater operator licenses.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good reported that 2000+ pounds of insulation were deposited into the sewer system again. She is working with the prosecutor on possible search warrants if necessary. A sign inventory is being conducted and damaged signs are being replaced. Community cleanup will be held this coming Saturday. Dust abatement will take place on Thursday.

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City Engineer Gregg Tankersley shared that he had a meeting with ITD to discuss liquidated damages, contingency funds, and water usage. There are a few items left on the punch list to complete the Virginia Street project. He is working with USDA-RD on remaining funds.

Discussion Items

Yard Art Proposal

Darbey Edwards addressed the Council with a proposal for his front yard. He previously had a major water leak and had to dig up his yard. He would like to place a pickup bed in the yard, using it as a bench, and decorating it with holiday or seasonal décor. Drawings were provided.

City Attorney Stubbs stated that due to the cleanup ordinance, vehicles were not permitted in the front yards. He also stated that there was no ordinance giving the Council discretion as to what is and is not considered a nuisance. Council Members agreed that placing a vehicle in the front yard as art violates city ordinances.

Housing / Zoning Review

City Attorney Stubbs shared about the International Residential Code, which New Meadows has adopted. He recommended that any zoning changes to include tiny houses in R-3 zones should follow the international code. He created a draft amendment for the Council's review. City Clerk Gardner will research the international code and City Council members will come up with ideas about where tiny house zones might be placed and the specifications of such.

Farmer's Market – City Park

Mayor Good stated that a group headed by Julia Olsen would like to have a farmer's market at the park this summer on Saturdays. Stipulations were added that they clean up after the market and that they would help enforce the "no dogs in the park" ordinance. The farmer's market will begin July 10th from 11am-4pm.

Action Items

Grass & Weed Abatement Approval

With the new grass & weed program, properties are reviewed on the 11th of each month. Because some Council meetings fall before the 11th, review would not take place until after the meeting. Therefore, Mayor Good asked for the Council to give a blanket approval for abatement for the summer instead of approving individual properties at each meeting. City Attorney Stubbs stated that this would fall within the ordinance criteria. The Council will still be given a monthly list of properties abated. It was suggested that Barron Loper dba Custom Works be contracted with to carry out the abatement.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve the grass and weeds abatement plan including hiring a contractor to abate on a monthly basis; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

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- Council Member Parnett moved to hire Barron Loper for grass and weed abatement; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote – Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Gilliam – yes. Motion carried.

Zwygart, John & Associates Auditor Services Agreement Approval

An agreement was sent to the City from Zwygart, John & Associates for the upcoming audit for fiscal year 21/22. The cost has increased approximately \$200.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the Auditor Services Agreement; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Short Term RV Use Ordinance Amendment

The Council reviewed the Short Term RV Use Ordinance and chose to remove the sections requiring verification of home search and verification of work under the Displacement permit and extend displacement permits for two additional years.

- Council Member Weber moved to introduce Ordinance TBD-2021 amending the Short Term RV Use Ordinance; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Weber – yes, Gilliam – yes. Motion carried.
- Council Member Weber moved to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings on three separate days and read by title only once; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote – Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Gardner read the ordinance amendment by title only.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve Ordinance TBD-2021 amending the Short Term RV Use Ordinance; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion carried.

Wellhouse #5 Rebid

Ed Stowe of Mountain Water Works explained that the rebid package does not include distribution and piping, making the project more attractive to possible bidders. The construction deadline was set for July 15, 2022. All other items in the package remain the same. USDA and DEQ will approve the bid package, with the bid cycle ending in late June. A contract should be in place by August 2021.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve putting the Wellhouse #5 package out for rebid; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Good stated that Chance Hobbs of Digwell, Idaho has contracted with someone to have the fence repaired at Well #5, and it should be completed by the end of the month.

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Robert Hale Cleanup Update

Mayor Good stated that she has discussed the situation with the City's prosecuting attorney and that possible citations could be given to the property owner. Other options included possible selling the property and having the new owner clean it up.

Land Change Request Form – Lauren Frei

Frei owns two lots on a corner in the Ridgeview Subdivision and would like to combine them into one lot and place a house in the center. He has filled out the appropriate paperwork requested by the County. The Council noted that if the lots are combined, a second dwelling unit on the property would not be possible. Frei has already paid to have his second connection removed from the second lot.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve the Land Change Request for lots 10 and 11 in the Ridgeview Subdivision; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Broadband Grant Approval

City Clerk Gardner met with David McNight of Air Bridge regarding a grant for broadband. She would like approval to submit the grant on behalf of the City of New Meadows. The grant would be for \$600,000 and would service 600 customers. Mayor Good stated that no match is required, and that it may cover parts of the valley as well as the city limits of New Meadows.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve applying for the broadband grant; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote- Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Gilliam – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Good stated that Dodd Snodgrass from CEDA requested a letter of support from the city for funding to bring broadband from Grangeville to New Meadows.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve a letter from the city regarding broadband support from Grangeville to New Meadows; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Dust Abatement Approval

Mayor Good stated that it is important to build relationships with businesses and investors in our community. David Kellogg allows the city to put snow behind Subway, which saves two hours of extra work when plowing. Mr. Kellogg is considering placing a fence in this area, due to the broken fence near Wellhouse #5 and due to other reasons. After a discussion with the Mayor and City Clerk, it was suggested that the city might apply dust abatement product that was left over to this area as a small act of kindness. This will go a long way in letting him know that the city appreciates his support and the use of his lot for snow storage.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve dust abatement for the property behind Subway belong to Kellogg's; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Weber – yes, Gilliam- yes. Motion carried.

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Executive Session 74-206 1 (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 Weber moved to go into Executive Session under 74-206 1 (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 Gilliam seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote – Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 8:19 P.M. Roll was called and Mayor Good and Council Members Gilliam, Parnett, and Weber were present.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve moving Daniel Potter from probationary status to regular status and raise his wage by .50 per hour; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Gilliam – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included City Council minutes from May 24, 2021, paid and pending claims, and May 2021 payroll. City Clerk Gardner read the claims.

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

Future Meeting Topics

- USDA Funds
- Building Official Service Contract Agreement

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Kyla Gardner, City Clerk