

Welcome, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Public present at City Hall were Sheriff Ryan Zollman and County Commissioner Viki Purdy. Present via Zoom was Tim Farrell of Mountain Waterworks.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. and Council Member Parnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

There was no input from the public.

Presentation

The presentation was tabled until the next meeting.

Reports

Sheriff Ryan Zollman

Sheriff Zollman shared that by April 2022, New Meadows will have three resident deputies. He stated that misdemeanors, traffic stops, and service calls have all increased this year. There is currently a shortage of two deputies and four detention officers. Regarding right-of-way violations, Zollman stated that local tow companies have not been willing to tow vehicles that will eventually be abandoned, as this is not cost effective. Education has been very helpful. License plate numbers and addresses should be given to dispatch and an officer can speak with residents regarding right-of-way issues. He also stated that the Sheriff's department is willing to help track animal control incidents and can issue citations; however, the witness must sign the citation and specific information will need to be collected in order to log an incident. All incidents should be e-mailed to dispatch.

County Commissioner Viki Purdy

Commissioner Purdy stated that prisoners are being transferred to county jails at a lower rate, which brings in less income. She stated that the County did not choose to receive ARPA funds due to strings attached. Cemetery Road will be repaved, and other county roads have been chip-sealed. Currently, the Commissioners are working on the Comprehensive Plan. She felt that agriculture should be supported and that less regulations were needed for small farms. A plan to place 1200 homes on Brundage has been approved, with the biggest issue being EMS and fire protection. She suggested Carol Walsh as a resource for emergency planning.

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Veterans Memorial Project Update

City Clerk Gardner will e-mail details to council members, who will then give feedback at the next meeting.

Housing Survey Results

The Council reviewed housing survey results. The survey was completed by 22 community members. A more detailed breakdown will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good would like to emphasize the Meadows Valley Roundup program in 2022. The City has also signed up to be a vendor with WICAP to help pay water bills. The topic of delinquent utility bills will be added to a future meeting. Mayor Good will attend upcoming Broadband Taskforce meetings, as, the larger the area covered, the more grant funds might be awarded.

Snow Removal

Mayor Good reported that the weather has not cooperated with snow removal and road maintenance this year. Public Works Supervisor Wallace is training Potter. Both are doing a great job. Plowing of Virginia Street has been difficult due to the increased traffic in the early morning hours. Good also stressed that residents are responsible for removing berms, and that helping neighbors is an important part of the snow removal process.

Discussion Items

Right-of Way-Code

Mayor Good shared a table from the Subdivision section of the zoning code that shows the number of feet of the right-of-way, depending on the type of road. The code should be updated to refer to this table, especially in the definitions of terms such as alley, street, etc. Good also noted that the Transportation Plan does not match this table.

Fire Hydrant Adoption

Mayor Good would like to create fire hydrant adoption certificates for residents and send an email reminder to them after snowstorms to shovel out their hydrant. Some hydrants need to be painted. Council Member Ryker suggested the motto, "It takes a village to keep our hydrants clear. Adopt one today." Council Member Gilliam suggested an adoption event and giving away teddy bears, raffle tickets, or gift certificates for local businesses.

City Pictures

All Council Members and staff will have photos taken at the January 10th city council meeting to post on the website.

Action Items

Alcoholic Beverage License Approval

The Council reviewed Alcoholic Beverage License applications for Brown's Mountain Market, Hartland Inn, and Turning Point Chevron. An application from Kahili Club was received today, but was not listed on the agenda, so will be approved at the January 10th meeting.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve three Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Brown's Mountain Market, Hartland Inn, and Turning Point Chevron; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance TBD-2021 Animal Control Amendment

The Council reviewed the amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance, adding a limit to the number of cats a resident may have. Mayor Good stated that education will be a big part of enforcing this amendment. Council Member Parnett suggested adding an education piece to the water bill newsletter, and also posting notices to the city website, the newsletter, and social media. A list should be created of area farmers who would be interested in barn cats.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to introduce Ordinance TBD-2021, amending Title 5, Chapter 3 of the New Meadows City Code, and suspend the rules requiring three separate readings on three separate days and read by title only once; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Gardner read the ordinance amendment by title only.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve Ordinance TBD-2021, amending Title 4, Chapter 5 of the New Meadows City Code; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker – yes, Gilliam – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion carried.

Grass & Weed Calendar Approval

City Clerk Gardner stated that annual Will-Serves will be sent out January 1st, and because these customers do not receive monthly water bills, they will receive the notice with their annual statement. Mayor Good stated that approving the calendar means that properties will be reviewed and abated as necessary on the dates listed, and a list of citations will be brought to the Council for approval during those months. An authorized agent for abatement will be determined closer to the summer months.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the 2022 Grass & Weeds Calendar; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Water Project Update

Tim Farrell of Mountain Waterworks gave an update on the water project. He stated that the project is 1/3 complete. Still to complete is the well facility, booster station, and storage

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reservoir. Due to Covid-19 and contractor availability, there is insufficient funding to finish the project. The goal of the project is to provide affordable water rates for the community. A meeting was held with the funding agencies including USDA, DEQ, and Rural Development. The emergency nature of the project was discussed, and a tour was given of the facilities. It is unknown at this time what monies will be available or the timeline of availability. However, Farrell felt that New Meadows will be at the top of their list. Farrell would like to pursue a 1.1 million dollar grant to complete the project, which would retain the water rate increase of \$17.65. Farrell presented alternatives to complete the project. Mayor Good suggested putting together the next bid package and having it ready by January / February. Another meeting with the funders will be set up in January.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included December 13, 2021 meeting minutes, November 2021 Financials, and paid and pending claims. Council Members were individually polled, and all confirmed they had read the December 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Mayor Good noted corrections to the minutes, including removing a comma after the year, adding her last name to the roll call, and changing cross walk signs to speed limit signs.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the December 13, 2021 minutes with changes; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.
- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Topics

Future meeting topics include Sine Di, Veterans Memorial project update, fire hydrant adoption update, city council appointment, alcoholic beverage license applications, III-A report, park restrooms, Hale property update, and a delinquent accounts discussion.

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk