

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS IDAHO

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner, Jessie Gerke and Angie Mettie. Present via Zoom were Dana Kautz and City Attorney Dick Stubbs.

Public present at City Hall were Doug Buys, Daniel Hendley, and Joe & Olivia Sullivan. Present via Zoom was Drew Dodson.

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

Presentation

The skate park presentation was postponed until the next meeting.

Reports

Staff Reports

Staff reports were reviewed by the Council. Mayor Good would like to make the Saturday after Labor Day the official Meadows Valley Community Yard Sale day, as was suggested by a community member.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good encouraged the Council to set up and use their new Gmail accounts specifically for the city.

Two grants were received from the Stibnite Foundation for upgrades to the city's dog pound and for flashing speed signs. Community members are working on a plan for the dog pound. Speed signs will also be purchased for each end of town with the grant dollars.

Engineer's Report

This report will be available at the next meeting.

Heigho Project

Public Works Director Wallace stated that the Heigho Project is mostly complete. A section near the post office was over-compacted and is cracking. The paving company will correct the problem and parking spaces will need to be restriped.

Public Nuisance Citations

The Council reviewed four properties that were sent letters regarding residential cleanup. The properties were not in compliance after 30 days of receiving notice and will be cited. These included 400 S Commercial, 511 S Morgan, 413 S Commercial, and 215 N Miller.

Discussion Items

Veteran's Memorial Senior Project

Council Member Gilliam stated that Daniel Hendley enlisted in the Navy and would like to work on a Veteran's Memorial project for his Senior Project. She also suggested possibly organizing a Veteran's Day celebration. City Clerk Gardner volunteered to be Hendley's mentor as he works through the project.

Displacement RV Use

The Council discussed the Short Term RV Use ordinance, which states that RVs that are occupied under the Displacement permit must be connected permanently to city sewer and water. An application was received for a self-contained RV, which was the reason for the discussion. The Council discussed whether or not a self-contained RV should be required to be hooked up to sewer and water. Council Member Parnett stated that allowing one RV to be self-contained would mean that all would be allowed to be self-contained. Council Member Gilliam voiced concern regarding noise of a generator. Council Member Weber noted that the tanks would need to be emptied on a regular basis in the proper manner and not dumped on the ground. Doug Buys stated that grey water can turn septic and is bad for the sewer system. Enforcement of dumping would be very difficult. Therefore, the Council chose to continue the requirement of a permanent connection for displacement RVs and would like to add that RVs must follow all regulations for the zone in which they reside. An amendment will be approved at the next meeting.

Peterson Memorial Speed Limit Signs

Mayor Good noted that the speed limit signs on Peterson Memorial are smaller than other signs on the side streets. The Council agreed to consider larger signs. Mayor Good will bring a bid for two and four signs to the next meeting.

Bulb Outs

Mayor Good would like to improve the bulb outs on the corners of Virginia Street. She stated that they are full of rocks and that weeds grow in them. One person fell from walking in the uneven rocks. She would like the Council to consider paver stones in the bulb outs. Other ideas were to put lamp posts in the bulb outs that could hold banners or flowers, or possibly add engraved memorial stones to the bulb outs. Doug Buys stated that conduit is available in each bulb out and was put in place for decorative streetlamps.

Bike Rack at the Post Office

Community Members have requested a bike rack at the post office. One possible location would be the bulb out on the corner. The rack would need to be removed in winter. Mayor Good also stated that a bike station with tools to repair bicycles was donated by the Leadership Academy. The Council will discuss a location for the station at the next meeting.

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Pedestrian Cross Walk Signs

Mayor Good noted that few people stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks on Virginia Street. She found a grant for \$500 to buy signs stating that state law requires vehicles to stop at crosswalks. She would like to place the signs at the intersections of Peterson Memorial, Miller, and Heigho along Virginia Street. The signs are \$50 each. The Council agreed with this idea.

Action Items

Well #5 Bid Decision

The Council reviewed the information regarding the lowest bid for the well #5 wellhouse and the options provided. Although Council Member Ryker was not available at the meeting, Mayor Good shared her opinion with the Council. Ryker felt that the lowest bid was still too high to accept. The Council and Mayor discussed options to continue the project. Doug Buys suggested a possible container for a pumping platform instead of a stick-built building. Mayor Good stated that the decision should be based on what is best for the community. Good will talk with Farrell of Mountain Waterworks and options will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Council Member Weber moved to not accept the current bid for the wellhouse; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Gilliam – yes. Motion carried.

Water Bill Dispute – Bill Bolopue

Mr. Bolopue was not available, and no written comment was received.

2021-2022 Appropriations Ordinance #TBD – 2021

The Council reviewed the 2021-2022 Appropriations Ordinance to accompany the previously approved budget.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to introduce the 2021-2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance TBD-2021 and suspend the rules requiring three separate readings on three separate days and read by title only once; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Gardner read the ordinance by title only.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the 2021-2022 Appropriations Ordinance #TBD-2021; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Employee Wage Increase

Mayor Good asked the Council to approve a wage increase of \$.75 per hour for Angie Mettie, effective September 16, 2021.

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- Council Member Weber moved to approve a wage increase for Mettie; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Developer's Discount Resolution

The Council reviewed the Developer's Discount Resolution. Council Member Gilliam would like to add the word "and," so that third "and" consecutive homes would receive the 45% discount.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the Developer's Discount Resolution with the edit; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Displacement RV Use Application – Rick Brown

Rick Brown completed an application for displacement RV Use; however, the RV is self-contained and not hooked in permanently to water or sewer. The Council chose to deny the permit unless the RV were permanently connected to water and sewer.

Zoning Code Amendment – Lot Definition

The Council reviewed the changes to the definition of LOT in the zoning code.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to introduce Ordinance TBD -2021, Amending Title 10, Chapter 2 of the New Meadows Zoning Code, and suspend the rules requiring three separate readings on three separate days and read by title only once; Council Member Weber 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 10, Chapter 2 of the New Meadows Zoning Code; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

IRWA Training – Wallace

Mayor Good stated that Jessie Wallace will attend the Fall IRWA Conference, as Daniel Potter attended the Spring Conference.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve for Wallace to attend fall training; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Letter to Legislature – Arpa Funds

The Council reviewed a letter to legislators regarding government funds, which should be available to small towns. She would like all Council Members to consider sending a similar letter. Council Member Parnett suggested one letter with all Council Members' signatures.

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- Council Member Weber moved to allow Julie Good to sign the letter to the legislature and send it; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included paid and pending claims, August 23, 2021, city council minutes, and August 2021 Payroll. Mayor Good noted that the minutes should reflect that Dick Stubbs was available via Zoom, and not at City Hall. City Clerk Gardner read the claims. Mayor Good stated that the Granite Excavation claim would be held until the pavement near the post office was repaired.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the consent agenda; Council Member Weber 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 a skate park presentation, engineer's report, guest Chris Boyd, bulb out ideas, speed limit signs for Peterson Memorial, water project discussion, Heigho Project update, and displacement RV use amendment.

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk