

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2025 AT 6:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 S. COMMERCIAL STREET, NEW MEADOWS ID 83654

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Present at City Hall were Mayor Julie Good, Council Member Traci Foster and Jeff Parnett were present.

City Attorney Richard Stubbs, and Council Member Shiloh Ryker and Jessica Lillahaug were present via Zoom

Staff present at City Hall were Sonya Brodhecker & Kyla Gardner.

Public present were Angie Crow, Philip Good, Linnea Hall, Doug Buys, Tracy Peterson, Keith Westengard, Amanda Branstetter, Devin Buys and Samantha Buys.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. followed by roll call & The Pledge of Allegiance.

Kyla Gardner read the Mission Statement.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Reports

Mayors Report

Mayor Good presented her Mayor's report to the council.

Staff Reports

Foster had a question on Hunter Brown's Staff Report regarding a comment about a meter replacement. Mayor Good explained that the resident was told they would need to have inspection done on a new sewer line on the property owner's side. There was some confusion with Owner but it has been resolved. Foster also asked about the Garage door replacement mentioned in Michael Lee's report and it was noted that would be discussed later in the meeting.

Discussion Items

Discussion with MVRFD Fire Commissioners regarding notification of no MOU with the City

Mayor Good thanked the MV Fire Commissioners for coming to the meeting and invited them to the front table to discuss the requested MOU with the proposed ambulance district. Mayor Good explained that when Doug Buys had asked the City to put the ambulance district dissolution resolution on the agenda, the City had not yet received the MOU. When that fact was mentioned to Doug, he was not aware of why there had not been an MOU presented yet. The City wanted to see if there was any insight on this since this was one of the stipulations that the City Council had requested for various reasons. The City was wondering what the reason was that the Fire Commissioners were wanting to move forward without that.

Tracy Peterson started the discussion by saying that they then got the letter and it was signed the City Of New Meadow. She questioned who wrote the letter and if the City Council knew about the letter and where did it come from? Mayor Good explained that the letter was written by City

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staff and City Council had all been notified of the letter. City Council explained they did not know the specific letter content but wanted to send it to ask the Fire Commissioners to come and explain why they were not going to come forward with the MOU. Tracy asked if the City Council had read the letter from the City to the Fire Department. Mayor Good said that the City Council had been emailed a copy of the letter. Foster said they had agreed that a letter was the best way to communicate with the Fire Department on this matter. Foster explained that the biggest thing is that City Council understood that they were going to do an MOU between the City and Fire and EMS and the EMS & Fire would do an MOU with the City, so we all knew what foundation we would operate from. The City Council was then informed that the Fire Commissioners were not going to do an MOU, and the ask is just why?

Amanda Branstetter explained that they were just there as Fire Commissioners and they can't represent the proposed EMS Board. Amanda Branstetter said they are just asking the City Council to approve or disapprove the dissolution of the Ambulance District. She stated that when they are proposing a new Ambulance district the Fire Board it is just a representative of the Community doing that. City Council Member Foster asked if legally the Fire Commissioners cannot put an MOU together and Commissioner Branstetter answered back "that is correct". She also mentioned that the County Commissioners are now the appointed board of the ambulance district. Branstetter explained that they have no authority over that and they are just presenting what the public wants. Traci Peterson said they are asking for approval on the Ambulance District Dissolution Resolution and Branstetter added "or at least the feedback from the City Council". Foster asked if they can speak to whether the EMS will operate similar to as the Fire District operates? Peterson explained that the people have spoken and that they are just trying to do what they asked them to do and that that the City Council has the power to tie their hands. Mayor Good explained that tying their hands is not what the City is trying to do. Mayor Good says that it's the City Council's job to consider the best interest of the City and make sure that the City doesn't have any concerns about what happens if this moves forward. Mayor Good said it is important to have those communications in place when development comes and that we have a mechanism through which we know that were not going to have developers that don't completely understand the cost of what its going to take to develop. Mayor Good understands that the Fire District doesn't have the authority to say they are doing a MOU for a district that is not in place. Good explained that there are still some concerns. Branstetter explained that if the Ambulance district doesn't go through the Fire Department will still follow the same contract they have always had. She asked what the MOU with the Ambulance district looked like now? Mayor Good explained the City does not have one. Branstetter asked if there will be a request for one with the commissioners? Mayor Good said yes definitely. She added - regarding the development – "We need to have people around the table so that people in the City are not just spouting off yes this is what you can do in our community." Peterson said she just wanted to know if they can move forward with this. Branstetter says that they are still working on the MOU and once they are done, they are willing to present to the City when they have a final draft of it. Branstetter mentions that they are getting a lot of pushback regarding the ambulance district and people were asking why it was not on the ballot this fall. Foster explained that it is so positive that the Fire Department has come to talk through this. Peterson asked what Council Member Parnett's opinion was? Parnett said that knowing that the two entities are separate he had no problem granting the request and went on to explain that he would like to see more work done on the MOU with the Fire Department because its important to know what you have to do before you can proceed. Mayor Good ask what Councilmember Ryker's opinion was. Ryker said that

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she would like to echo what Parnett said, explaining that its not that we are trying to overstep our boundaries but simply to work together collaboratively as the community grows and make sure that everyone is on the same page with expectations as we are looking forward to growth. She said that as long we can move forward collaboratively then she is committed as well. Mayor Good explained that it is very disheartening to her that the community feels that we are unable to work together. Mayor Good explained that it is time to move beyond whatever has been and build respect for each other so the community knows we can work together.

Action Items

Industrial Park Shop Door Replacement

2 bids one from Action Garage and one from Glass Pro McCall, with a difference in price by \$200.00

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the replacement of the Glass Pro Industrial Park shop door bid. City Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Old City Hall Building

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the sale of the Old City Hall Building with the understanding that Mayor Good and Kyla will be taking the proper steps for the sale. City Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Foster– yes, Parnett-yes, Ryker-yes. Motion carried

Resolution TBD-2025 America 250 Event

Council Member Parnett moved to approve Resolution TBD-2025 America 250 Event

- Member Foster seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Resolution TBD-2025 City of New Meadows Area of Impact

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Resolution TBD-2025 City of New Meadows Area of Impact; Council Member Foster seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Resolution TBD-2025 City of New Meadows Personnel Policy

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Resolution TBD-2025 City of New Meadows Personnel Policy; Council Member Foster seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Approval to Close City Hall December 24th

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- Council Member Parnett moved to approve closing City Hall December 24th; Council Member Foster seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Resignation of City Attorney Effective February 1, 2026

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the Resignation of City Attorney Richard Stubbs effective February 1, 2026; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Approval to put RFP for City Attorney Position

- Council Member Foster moved to approve publishing an RFP for the City Attorney Position as soon as possible. Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session

- Council Member Foster moved to go into Executive session in accordance with Code 74-206 (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. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker-yes, Parnett-yes & Foster-yes.

Council Members & Mayor Good went into Executive session at 7:27 PM and returned from Executive session at 7:47 PM. Followed by Roll Call Ryker-yes, Parnett-yes, Good-yes & Foster-yes

Employee Status/Wage Change

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the \$1.00 in Wage change with Michael Lee Member Ryker 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 & Pending Claims and September 2025 Financials, November 2025 Payroll.

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the Consent Agenda, paid & pending claims and September & November 2025 Payroll ; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Topics

- Future Special meeting time & date (December 16th @4:00P.M.)
- Substance use Policy Feb Meeting

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- Look at RFP for City Attorney Position
- Info On Old City Hall
- Possible Draft of the MOU if it's available

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 7:54 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk