

**CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 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 Members Traci Foster, and Jeff Parnett. Council member Shiloh Ryker was present via Zoom.

Public present Via Zoom were Sandy Schiffman, Linnea Hall and Sierra Christie

City Attorney Chris Yorgason was also present via Zoom.

Staff present at City Hall were Sonya Brodhecker & Kyla Gardner

Public present were Philip Good, Angie Mettie, and Rachel Reynaga.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. followed by Roll Call & the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement was read by City Clerk Kyla Gardner.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Reports

Mayor's Report

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

Staff Reports

Staff reports were presented to the Council with no questions.

Action Items

Approval to appoint Jessica Lillehaug to City Council Member

Mayor Good asked the City Council to approve Jessica Lillehaug to serve on City Council. Mayor Good said she feels Jessica is a good candidate because she has been present at City Council meetings, is very integrated into the community, has kids that are involved in community activities and she is also involved in activities within the community. Mayor Good also mentioned that she had met with Jessica and asked her thoughts about the city. Mayor Good said that she feels Jessica's viewpoints are in line with the goals for the city.

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Lillehaug to the City Council. Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Foster– yes, Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion Carried.

Appointment of Jessica Lillehaug to City Council Member

Mayor Good administered the Oath of office to Jessica Lillehaug for City Council Member and Council Member Lillehaug took her place around the table.

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Approval to Add Jessica Lillehaug to Bank Signature pages

- Council Member Foster moved to approve adding Jessica Lillehaug as a signer on the City Bank accounts. Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Youth Basketball

Angie Mettie presented information to the City Council regarding the Youth Basketball program. The Meadows Valley School District is asking the City to run the Youth Basketball program as the school is not allowed to run two programs at once. The program would run from mid-November through December. The City would have to provide the Insurance which would be around \$600.00. City Council discussed running the program like the T-Ball/Baseball program and doing some Fundraising and asking for Sponsorships to help with the cost.

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the City taking on the Youth basketball program using the same parameters as the youth Baseball program; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Setbacks for Small Lots

Mayor Good says that there are some lots in town that are so small that there is no availability for out buildings & storage sheds. Right now, those lots are located in the R3 zone and there has been some discussion on creating a different zone for those lots based on the square footage of the properties. The City Council would have to decide what they would use to define these properties going under a new zone. Chris Yorgason, who was on the agenda to be appointed City Attorney, commented that there can be specific setbacks for accessory structures and if landowners fall within certain parameters then the new zoned would apply. The topic was tabled since there have been no more discussion or questions from local residents regarding the need to make a change.

Unemployment Insurance

Mayor Good explains the city's budget for unemployment is hard to set since the City currently pays all of the unemployment costs if someone files on the city. This has happened several times with previous employees who quit or were fired. The two options were discussed. The first option is paying in 1% of the total payroll each quarter and that amount goes toward any unemployment claims and they send you a refund if its not used. The second option is paying 1% of total payroll

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every quarter and the Department of Labor pays out any unemployment claims for the city with no additional cost to the City. The City Council agreed that the second option would be better for budgeting purposes and could save the city money in the long run. This topic will be put back on a subsequent agenda as an action item once all the documents are received.

Council Member Parnett left the meeting at 7:09 PM and was excused.

Discussion with Attorney Candidate

Attorney Chris Yorgason introduced himself, letting the City Council know that he started working with cities in 2001. He also has worked for small cities. Attorney Chris Yorgason also mentioned that he does a lot of work with schools. He has experience in residential development matters. Although he does not do litigation, he has someone that he would be able to refer the City to.

Mayor Good said if there were no more questions, she would like to move forward with the Approval of Legal Services agreement.

Action Items

Approval of Legal Services Agreement

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the Legal Service Agreement with Chris Yorgason Law office; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call: Lillehaug – yes, Foster- Yes, Ryker – yes. Motion Carried

Short term Rental Permit

Mayor Good explained, from an infrastructure point of view, it is good to know if homes are being rented or used an Airbnb. In doing her research across cities and counties of Idaho, most of them do require a short term permit. Mayor Good wanted to be very clear that this is not to circumvent or discourage short term rentals, and it is not an attempt to police them. The main reason for the permit is to have emergency contact information when and if there is a situation. Attorney Yorgason explained that this situation has gone to the House and the Senate, and he doesn't really know what is going to happen. Mayor Good suggested that some more research is done on this and asked Councilmember Foster, the Fire Department Liaison, to reach out and talk to the Fire Department and get their thoughts on the idea.

Reserved Park Use/Form

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the Reserved Park Use/Form ; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Marketing Logo

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- Council Member Lillehaug moved to approve the use of the new Golden Heart of Idaho Logo; Council Member Foster seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

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.

Council Member Foster moved to go into Executive Session for 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. Council Member Lillehaug seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker – yes, Foster – yes, Lillehaug – yes. Motion carried.

Entered into Executive Session at 7:37pm.

Executive Session ended at 7:46 P.M. Roll was called and the Mayor and all City Council Members were present with the exception of Council Member Jeff Parnett

Employee Wage Change

- Council Member Foster moved to approve Employee Wage change for Sonya Brodhecker by an increase of \$1.00 per hour starting March 1st, 2026; Council 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 and pending claims, December 2025 Financials, January 2026 Payroll, December 8, 2025 and Jan 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion Carried.

Future Meeting Topics

- Short Term Rental Registration
- Unemployment Insurance

Adjournment

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Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at
7:53P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST:_____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk

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