

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021, AT 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Public present at City Hall were Doug Buys , Garret St. Pierre, Charlie Boden, Baylee Weeks, and Darbey Edwards. Present via Zoom were Drew Dodson of the Star News, Ed Stowe and Tim Farrel of Mountain Waterworks, David McNight of Airbridge, and Sandy Schiffman.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:37pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation

Skate Park

St. Pierre, Boden & Weeks gave a presentation on ideas for the skate park located on Peterson Memorial. They would like to upgrade the skate park and build a dirt track for bicycles. They believe they have support for the project, could fundraise for supplies, and have volunteers to complete the project. Council Member Gilliam stated that the incoming Freshman class is very interested in this project and would volunteer. Mayor Good asked that a plan be brought to City Council for approval. Items to be addressed was the adequate size of the park, barriers from traffic and heavy equipment, and liability.

Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good stated that junk letters went out the 15th of July. Properties will be reviewed on the 15th of August, and if not cleaned up, then residents will be cited. She stated that property owners were also sent a letter so that they were aware of the notice.

Citizen Advisory / Parks & Rec Open House

An open house was held at The Intersection in the courtyard on Thursday, July 22nd. Mayor Good stated that many inside and outside of the community stopped by and shared ideas that they would like to see in New Meadows. Ideas included a movie night at the park, splash pad, sports, and science & nature events.

Discussion Items

Schedule a Budget Workshop

A budget workshop was scheduled for 3:00pm on Monday, August 2nd at City Hall.

Review of R-1 Zoning & Parking Code for Edwards Property, 416 S Heigho

Mayor Good reviewed the code with the Council, stating that each dwelling unit is required to have two parking spaces, with the setback being 20 feet. Therefore, the driveway or parking

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cannot be in the setback area. Community Member Edwards asked if he could establish a parking area in the front of his home. Mayor Good stated that a parking area can be established in the front, but not in the setback areas.

Wellhouse #5 Rebid

Three bids were received for Wellhouse #5, with the lowest being from S&L for \$599,200.00, which was approximately \$150,000 over the budgeted amount. Stowe of Mountain Waterworks recommended the bid be accepted, as rebidding the project brings in less bidders each time and is expensive.

Doug Buys did not recommend the Council approve the bid. The project is less than 1/3 complete, and he suggested failing infrastructure should be the focus. Replacing the booster station and tank is important for fire flow in case of emergencies.

Mayor Good asked that more funding options be researched. She will meet with Stowe and Farrel to schedule a workshop to refocus priorities and create a plan moving forward.

5-1-8 Camping In Public Places Ordinance Amendment

The Council reviewed changes to the amendment, which included registration for overnight campers. They chose to change wording from "permit issued" to "registration." They also would like to add that the receipt should be displayed on the tent. City Attorney Stubbs will research language for "one night" camping and "donations welcome." The item will be reviewed by the attorney with changes and will be approved at the next meeting.

Action Items

Broadband Structure Approval

David McNight of Air Bridge stated that the New Meadows application for grant dollars did not make the cut for this round. Ziplify Fiber challenged the city's application, stating that the area already has sufficient broadband through Ziplify. McNight stated that they are committed to bringing broadband to the Meadows Valley area and will continue with the project, despite the current loss of grant dollars. The first step is to bring a 40' structure to New Meadows, which will allow line of sight to city limits customers. He would like to place it behind the Industrial Park. By completing this step, approximately three months' worth of work will have been completed when broadband is available. A lease would be created for a 10x10' area, and Ziplify would tie into that spot. Without the grant, the process will be slower, but will still be in progress. Mayor Good stated that she will sign a challenge letter. She asked the Council to consider what type of investment they would like to have in regard to broadband in the community. The Council agreed to approve the structure at the Industrial Park. McNight also stated that Air Bridge has installed complementary cameras for cities, which has helped with vandalism and more.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve the broadband structure at the Industrial Park; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker – yes, Gilliam – yes, Weber – 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 Ryker moved to go into Executive Session at 7:51 P.M. 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, Weber – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 8:03 P.M.

Employee Wage Changes

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve wage increases as discussed for Kautz and Wallace; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Ryker – yes, Gilliam – yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The Consent agenda included Paid & Pending Claims, and June 2021 Financials. Minutes from July 12, 2021 were not available. City Clerk Gardner read the claims.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the Consent Agenda items of claims and financials; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker – yes, Gilliam – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Topics

- Water Project Workshop
- Zoning Code: 1 residence per parcel/lot
- Camping Amendment
- ARPA funds
- Developer's discount
- Skate Park
- LOT
- Ways to partner with the school

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk