

**CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2025 AT 6:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS**

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Present at City Hall were Mayor Julie Good, Council Members Jeff Parnett, Traci Foster, Shiloh Ryker, and Josh Carr.

City Attorney Dick Stubbs and City Engineer Grae Harper were present via Zoom.

Staff present at City Hall were Sonya Brodhecker and Kyla Gardner

Public present were Jessica Lillehaug, Andy Brodhecker, Rachel Reynaga, Sherry Iverson, Sierra Christie, Drew Dodson and Rodger Sherman.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

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 City Council

Parks & Rec February 3rd Meeting Minutes

Minutes presented to City Council

Presentation – Idaho Children's Trust Fund

Roger Sherman & Sherry Iverson presented the information regarding the Idaho Children's Trust Fund to City Council

Discussion Items

New Meadows Youth Center

Mayor Good stated there will be a possible soft opening in June or July. Construction is moving along quickly. Inspectors were on site last week and all current framing passed inspections. Another walk through is scheduled for Friday with the Mayor, Architect and City Engineer. Mayor Good requested the youth center logo to be finalized so that thank you cards can be made for recognition to the people who donated. On April 28th The Blue Cross Foundation of Idaho board is touring the youth center, and they will go over to the school and see where the preschool is being taught now. Mayor Good will be talking to them about the Gold Line transit as well. Blue Cross Foundation donated \$30,000 that has allowed the bus to run 5 days a week instead of just two

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days and they have donated money that went towards the crosswalk signs down by the park and also donated to the skate park.

Recent donations for the youth center also came from the following: Sherwin Williams, Krahns Furnishings, Tates Rental & lake shore learning.

Volunteer Policy

The City Council reviewed the draft Volunteer Policy which was drafted by Council Member Foster and made suggestions and recommendations.

Mayor Good recognized the hard work that Foster has put in on this policy.

Local Option Tax

Mayor Good wanted to be very clear on this is a preliminary discussion. The City Council discussed the fact that the amount of Local Option tax would be much less in New Meadows than in McCall. The items that can be taxed with an LOT were discussed. Council Member Foster suggested business licenses as a means to keep track of what businesses are in town. The question was asked whether the City of New Meadows is a resort town. The consensus was to have community conversations about the reason behind the idea of a Local Option tax and some of the other funding possibilities available such as a Local Improvement District. Up to two City Council members and/or the Mayor could schedule times to meet with individuals to discuss the funding needs for infrastructure and get community feedback. A list of talking points will be created by Councilmember Foster, with input from the Mayor and Council. Notes cannot be taken by Councilmembers at these meeting, but a short exit survey can be filled out by participants.

A community potluck was discussed to solicit more community feedback around this subject. Due to public meeting law, this will be noticed as a city council meeting but will be less formal in order to create a venue for good discussion.

Action Items

IRWA Spring Conference April 2-4 Jessie Wallace

- Council Member Foster moved to approve Jessie Wallace attending the IRWA Spring Conference; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

New Meadows Parks & recreation Committee Appointments

*James Slettum 1 yr

*Joe Sullivan 3 yr

- Council Member Foster moved to approve the New Meadows Parks and Rec appointments for James Slettum for a term of 1 year and Joe Sullivan for a term of 3 years; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Carr – yes, Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Foster – yes. Motion Carried.

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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. And (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.

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Executive Session began at 8:03 P.M. Executive Session ended at 8:44 P.M. Roll was called and the Mayor and all City Council Members were present.

Change in Employee Status/Wage

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve changing Sonya Brodhecker's employee status to Regular Full Time with a pay increase of \$1.50 per hour effective on March 10, 2025. Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Schedule Public Meetings

- Council Member Foster moved to approve of having the public meeting on April 23rd at 6:30 at the Depot to discuss the funding possibilities for local infrastructure-specifically streets. The City will provide NA beverages (water punch or sort)and paper products and solicit donation of a main dish from a local business. 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, February 2025 Payroll and February 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Individual Council members were polled to confirm they had read the minutes in the packet.

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

Future Meeting Topics

- Approval- Gathering info for funding opportunities
- Volunteer Policy
- Logo for Youth Center
- Proclamation Of strengthening families Month
- Proclamation for Week of the Young Child
- Emergency response plan
- Report in the Correspondence to the previous tenants at the industrial park
- Browns recycling court date report
- Road streets committee report

Adjournment

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST:_____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk