

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

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Ziply completed their applications, but now their timeline is off because they have not responded to the need for locates to be done. Sounds like the project may be on hold.

Kyla and I attended the County Commissioner's Meeting this morning and discussed the required Area of Impact review and the new state statutes regarding area of impact. We currently have an area of impact that is ½ mile from our city limits. The new law allows a city to have an area of impact of up to 2 miles. We will be scheduling a training for the City Council regarding the city's area of impact and making a decision on how to proceed in September.

We also spoke with the County Commissioner's about the proposed Ambulance District. Because I did not get very many answers when I attended the Ambulance District's first public meeting, I wanted to know how the County Commissioner's were feeling about the proposal. They have concerns, as I do, about the proposal, especially regarding the financial issues that seem to be at the forefront of the current Fire Commissioner's concerns. There is also great concern about what the impact will be to our citizens and those who want to develop in our community since there is no plan being presented on how they will achieve their goals of a 24/7 fire station and additional paid personnel. I think the best way to proceed is to ask the Fire Commissioners to attend a City Council meeting so we can ask our questions and find out more about their plans and what it would mean to the City and its residents. Fire and EMS services are so critical for our community that we need to be sure we understand the full scope of this proposal and how it might change things for those we represent before any action is taken.

The City is now using a new work order app – COAST. It is a free app that will help us to stay aware of what work is needing done, what is in progress, and what is yet to be accomplished. Work orders can be assigned to staff and given a priority level. So far the app has been very helpful.

I am finishing the final set up of CalenderWiz which will be a community calendar which can be used by the many different community organizations in Meadows Valley. This will be a place that people can go online to see what is happening our community and will help to eliminate planning events on the same day, it will have a place for accessing the rental form for the freight room and will be a place to track requests for using the park. Each organization will have their own sign-in to access their information and update their events. The cost is \$350 a year, but I have received grant funds that will cover the cost.

Don't forget the Open House on Thursday night from 4 pm to 7 pm here at the depot. We are looking forward to a great event.

We will not be holding a City Council meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of August due to the set up by the ACHS of their annual yard sale in the Freight Room. The next meeting agenda may be a little robust due to that.

I sent an email to DEQ today requesting they come out and inspect the Brown's Recycling site to make sure they have no concerns with the soil or water in that area. I talked with the prosecuting attorney today and told him we would have an update for him before August 30.

This weekend our community has suffered the loss of two very special individuals. Al Becker and Cory Whitney invested in our community in their own unique and special ways. Al was such a pillar of our community who invested in many different avenues to see Meadows Valley continue to be a beautiful place to live. Cory Whitney was a hardworking young man who is responsible for the Christmas tree in the park as well as many other projects he assisted with. Both of these individuals reflected the community spirit that is so powerful and important and I want to recognize that their presence will be missed but their legacy will not be forgotten.