

**NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA, NEW MEADOWS**

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner, Kirk Kundrick, and Angie Mettie. City Attorney Dick Stubbs was present via Zoom.

Public present at City Hall were Heather Hayes, Gregg Pearce, Traci Foster, Kayrene Brown, and Leia. Present via Zoom were Traci Jamieson and Brian McNight.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Communications

The Council reviewed minutes from the Parks & Recreation meeting.

Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good stated that the entry to the Depot will be adjusted so that access to the exhibit will be available.

The Christmas tree will be planted in the fall, after the construction project is closer to completion.

Mayor Good researched 20+ cities regarding fences in front yards. She found that several ordinances stated that fences cannot be within 3 feet of a fire hydrant, which is not in the City's ordinance. She also felt that having tall fences will cause a problem with snow removal. She asked the Council's opinion on the current ordinance, permitting a 3-foot tall fence in the front yard.

Council Member Carr suggested a free permit, where a design review committee might review the type and size of fence, as each property is unique. At the same time, the decisions should be fair across the board.

A letter was provided by the Fire Chief stating that up to a five-foot tall fence would be accessible by the Fire / EMS, but that house numbers need to be posted on the fence, if not visible on the house.

Council Member Ryker stated that it will be important to accommodate those who already have fences, and that the height and whether it is sight-obscuring should be discussed.

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Council Member Goodwin stated that corner lots are a concern. The Animal Control ordinance discusses a six-foot fence for dogs. She suggested the fence ordinance should align with the animal control ordinance.

Community Members voiced their concerns about fences. Traci Foster stated that she built a fence taller than three feet. Technically, her front yard faces her neighbor's home, according to the code. She stated that her fence cost \$4000, but was needed to contain her dog. She noted that a three-foot fence is useless in the winter because the dog can walk over it. She would like the community to be welcoming, and felt a design review team was a good idea. She appreciated the Council's consideration of this topic.

Community Member Heather Hayes stated that she also built a fence taller than three feet to keep other dogs out of her yard, as her dog was bitten, and her flowers and yard were destroyed by other dogs. She was angry about the amount of money they had to spend to keep other dogs out of their yard. She noted that her fence is see-through. She felt that a six-foot tall fence would be safest for children.

Mayor Good suggested that each Council Member come up with a plan that addresses height, sight-obscuring definition, fences on corners, snow plowing parameters, permit options, design review options, grandfathered fences, and utility easements. The item will be placed on a future agenda.

Action Items

Airbridge Structure Addition

David McNight of Airbridge stated that they would like to add an additional thirty feet to the existing structure, which would add more bandwidth. This would allow them to accomplish their needs while remaining aesthetically pleasing. He stated that Zply is challenging the grant that Airbridge applied for, saying that they already provide good service to Meadows Valley. Mayor Good stated that she would make a phone call and write a letter in support of Airbridge.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the proposed Airbridge structure addition of thirty (30) feet; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Water / Sewer Connection Amendment

Mayor Good noted that there were several changes to the water and sewer ordinances, indicating meter size requirements, changes to purchasing connections, and changing verbiage to capitalization fees to reflect how they are actually handled.

- Council Member Goodwin moved to introduce Ordinance TBD-2023 and suspend the rules requiring three separate readings on three separate days and read by title only once; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – yes. Motion carried.

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City Clerk Gardner read the ordinance by title only.

- Council Member Goodwin moved to approve Ordinance TBD-2023; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – yes. Motion carried.

Water / Sewer Connection Form Review

The Council reviewed the new form for purchasing water connections. They would like to add a statement saying that “additional charges may apply over and above the connection fees if warranted by the water/sewer operator.”

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the Water / Sewer Connection form with changes discussed; Council Member Goodwin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – yes. Motion carried.

MOU – IGNITE Idaho

Mayor Good noted that the MOU party name should be changed from Cascade to New Meadows. Traci Jamieson of IGNITE Idaho stated that they are applying for a grant, which requires them to show that they have partners supporting their endeavors. Mayor Good stated that those who need evaluations must travel to the Meridian area, and having a closer option would allow for more community members to receive help.

- Council Member Goodwin moved to approve the IGNITE Idaho MOU pending changes of the name from Cascade to McCall; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – yes. Motion carried.

Council Member Ryker abstained from the vote due to an invested interest in IGNITE Idaho.

Bike Park Lease

City Attorney Stubbs will work with the school’s attorney on the bike park lease.

Sewer Hookup Contractor Approval

Kirk Kundrick stated that a water/sewer hookup was purchased by Joe Sullivan. The sewer connection is 11-12 feet deep. This is not a safe depth for city staff, nor does the city have the equipment to complete the work. Therefore, a local contractor, TB Construction, has offered to complete the job for \$3500, anticipating that the work can be completed in one day. If multiple days are needed, the cost will be more. Mayor Good stated that the property owner would not be responsible for these costs.

- Council Member Goodwin moved to approve the contractor for the sewer hookup contingent on a written and signed estimate; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – yes. Motion carried.

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RV Permit Application – Brown

The Council reviewed a Displacement RV application for Ricky Brown. They are remodeling a property and the RV is being used during the remodeling process, making the space livable for an apartment. They noted that the Displacement category of the permit sunsets in 2023 and would like to place the item on the October agenda.

Mayor Good stated that when the permits expire, she would like a letter sent, letting them know that the permit will expire. If they do not respond, but are still using the RV as living space, she would like them to be sent a letter of non-compliance.

- Council Member Carr moved to approve the RV Displacement Permit; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – yes. Motion carried.

Water Connection - Blum

Mayor Good explained that there has been much activity with the four-plexes being built. They initially paid for three connections, thinking they were going to hook up two of the units to one meter. They then had to upgrade to a larger meter size, and paid for the meters and installation themselves, and also returned the old meters to the city. He had asked if the council would make him a deal on the fourth meter, and have the fifth smaller meter for irrigation. Kirk Kundrick stated that it cost him over \$10,000 to purchase and install the larger meters. Kundrick ensured that only the best equipment was purchased.

After discussion, the Council chose to charge Blum for the 4th meter and include the smaller fifth meter for irrigation for \$1.

- Council Member Goodwin moved to approve the regular sale of a water connection per the Discount Resolution, and include a fifth smaller meter for irrigation at the cost of \$1; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – yes. Motion carried.

Raven Waterworks Contract Renewal

Kirk Kundrick stated that he talked with his insurance agent regarding coverage. He had no amendments to the contract at this time.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the contract between Raven Waterworks and the city of New Meadows; Council member Carr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution TBD-2023: East Park Address Designation

The City had labeled the new East Park apartments as A,B,C,D. However, the Post Office stated that there will be boxes on the property for mail, and that they had to be numbered a certain way. The reasoning behind the numbering was unknown by staff.

Mayor Good stated that she would like to talk to the post office about the numbering. The Resolution was tabled.

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Resolution TBD-2023: Skate Park Address Designation

An address has never been designated for the skate park. It will now be known as 402 Peterson Memorial Avenue.

- Council Member Goodwin moved to approve Resolution TBD-2023, designating the Skate Park as 402 Peterson Memorial Avenue; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Carr – yes, Goodwin – 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 Ryker moved to go into Executive Session under 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 Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session was entered into at 7:52 P.M.

Executive Session ended at 7:59 P.M. Roll was called and all Council Members and Mayor were present.

Action After Executive Session

- Council Member Gilliam moved to raise the hourly wages for staff as follows: Ivan McDaniel: .75 cents, Hunter Brown: \$1.00, Jessie Wallace: \$.50 cents, Kyla Gardner: \$1.27; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried. The new wages will go into effect October 1, 2023.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included Paid & Pending Claims, June 2023 Financials, and July 10, 2023 meeting minutes. The minutes were unavailable.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the Consent Agenda minus the minutes; Council Member Goodwin seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Topics

Future meeting topics included house addresses, minutes from July 10th, bike park lease, grass & weed abatement update, fence discussion, and East Park address Resolution.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk

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