

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

July 11, 2022

Several contractors were in attendance at the pre-bid meeting for the City's water project on Thursday. It is encouraging to see interest in the project. They were given a tour of the facilities with Kirk on hand to answer questions.

The Farmer's Market began last Saturday with over 20 vendors. This is a great community event. I encourage everyone to show their support by visiting the vendors and getting word out about the event.

There were several awesome events over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend in Meadows Valley. The MV EMS District's Family Fun Day and Mud Races were well attended and brought in extra customers to our local businesses. The MeadowCreek Fireworks show was awesome, as usual. A shout out to all the volunteers who made these events so successful.

After the agenda was approved, I received an email from Tony Koberstein requesting a 50% discount off the penny per gallon water rate for the summer season. Here is his message: *I use approx. 20 to 30 thousand gal. a month from July 1 thru Oct. 1 to keep my yard, the city right of way, which consists of approx. 25 percent of my yard, flower beds and other water usage such as washing vehicles and the dreaded road dust off my home and windows. I think a discounted price of .005 is fair and equitable for usage above the normal 2 thousand gal. used for a typical non irrigation month. COVID costs of consumables have gone through the roof. I know you're fully aware of this. I'm just trying to save money anywhere I can. Please give my request for a summer water usage reduction your full consideration.* If the City Council would like to review this request and take action in a subsequent City Council meeting, it can be placed on the agenda. If not, I will explain the city's current financial situation to Mr. Koberstein and continue to follow the Rate Fee Resolution.

Kyla and I met with Clearwater Financial to discuss with them a proposal for Comprehensive Financial Planning Services including a much-needed rate study. It is extremely important that we begin looking at the long-term needs of the City and create a way to cover the costs that continue to build. Clearwater Financial will be presenting their proposal at the August 8 City Council meeting.

Grass and weeds abatement will be carried out this week for those who are not in compliance as of today. The schedule seems to be encouraging compliance.

*"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community." Anthony J. D'Angelo*