

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Present at City Hall was Mayor Julie Good. Council Members Shiloh Ryker, Darla Weber and Jeff Parnett were available via Zoom. Darbey Edwards was absent.

Mac Qualls, Doug Buys, and Angie Mettie were present at City Hall. Dick Stubbs and Jessie Wallace were present via Zoom.

Alex Shephard was present at City Hall and Linnea Hall and Dee Frederickson were present via Zoom.

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

Presentation

Mayor Good presented Doug Buys with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good summarized her report, stating that the first Meadows Valley Monday e-mail went out today to share information with the public about meetings and events during the week. She encouraged people to share appreciation of the hard work of others. If members of the public or Council wish to add agenda items, a link is available on the website to add the item. She also stated that Linnea Hall will receive an invitation to attend the Stibnite Advisory Council Meetings.

Staff Report

The Council reviewed staff reports and had no questions.

Other Entity Reports

Doug Buys gave a report on his first week at the fire station. He stated that a lot of training will take place. He would like to get the youth program started and may utilize the city's newsletter for community involvement. He will be teaching a class on the city's water system, including education on the hydrants. He has reached out to other fire and EMS facilities in the area and has received a lot of positive feedback.

Discussion Items

City Council Best Practices Policy

Council Member Ryker shared suggestions for the best practices policy, which included removing the suggestion to create distraction-free space during online meetings, and also removing the suggestion to praise in public and criticize in private. She felt that being able to criticize is

important and should be done in public for transparency purposes. There were no other comments. City Clerk Qualls will draft a resolution based on the comments.

Local Pandemic Stage Review

No changes were made to the local pandemic stage.

Adams County All Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting Assignment

A representative from New Meadows was needed for this project. Council Member Weber said she would consider representing the Council for this meeting.

Animal Control Position

Mayor Good suggested hiring a part-time animal control officer outside of the public works assistant position. The Council discussed parameters for the position, which included availability in town, spur of the moment notice, someone who enjoys animals, and someone to take ownership and make the position their own. Mayor Good will work with Mac and Jessie to come up with parameters for the position.

Action Items

Alex Shephard Backhoe Hours

City Attorney Stubbs will contact Carol Whitney at the school regarding insurance for the project.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve 8 hours of backhoe work for Alex Shephard with the understanding that necessary insurance will be in place prior to any work being completed; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Consultant Agreement to Pay out PTO & Vacation Accruals to Doug Buys

Mayor Good summarized the payout agreement for Buys. She noted that he will be paid monthly and will not accrue vacation or paid time off, and that there would be no benefits. He will receive \$25 per hour for consulting.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the pay out of PTO & vacation accruals in addition to the consultant agreement for Doug Buys; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion carried.

Position & Wage Changes for Jessica Gerke / Wallace

Mayor Good stated that Jessie's new position would be titled Public Works Director. She is not expected to act as supervisor to the public works assistant or to temporary employees who assist with snow plowing. Her wages would be \$20 per hour retroactive to January 1, 2021.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the new position and wage change for Jessica Gerke; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Weber – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

As Needed Employee Wages

Devon Buys and Shaydan Wallace are available to help Jessie with snow removal as needed. Pay would be \$18 per hour.

- Council Member Weber moved to approve as-needed employee wages for additional help with snow removal; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion; Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion carried.

Animal Control Position

No action was taken.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included invoices to date, Front Porch Pizza beer & wine license, claims to date, December 29, 2020 minutes, and December 2020 payroll and timecards. Mayor Good read the claims.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the consent agenda; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Future Meeting Topics

Future meeting topics included a presentation by Chris Curtin on broadband, Brown's RV dump station agreement, legal presentation by Dick Stubbs, audit presentation, COVID-19 presentation by Dr. Irvine, Business Spotlight of Vintage, Etc., Volunteer Spotlight of Linnea Hall, parking ordinance review, TTAC meeting update, snow removal agreements, and coordinating with Fire / EMS.

Adjournment

- Council Member Parnett moved to adjourn; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jacob M. Qualls, City Clerk / Treasurer