

REGULAR CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

## **Welcome – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Staff present at City Hall was Angie Mettie. City Attorney Dick Stubbs was present via Zoom.

Public present at City Hall was Pam McConnell. Public present via Zoom was Linnea Hall.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:31 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Items for Discussion / Action**

### Public Input

Community Member Pam McConnell addressed the Council, stating she has had issues with the city for the past three years, and feels her conflicts with council members and city employees is escalating. She stated that she had asked for help with snow removal last year, and the issue was made worse, with 4-5 foot berms. She provided a photo of how the snow was plowed near her home. She feels that she is being maliciously harassed and bullied and that her property is being damaged out of resentment from her concerns. She stated that a resolution must be found, or she will take further action. Mayor Good stated that she has met with McConnell and that she has talked with Buys regarding a different direction of snow removal for her street.

### Reports

Mayor Good highlighted topics from her report, including an upcoming broadband conversation, ideas for community outreach, and involvement of council members in community projects and ordinance education.

Regarding the Virginia Street Project, Mayor Good stated that the project is complete except for the striping of the road. Issues of the sprinkler system at the library and the entrance to A&W are on hold until next spring. Some funds are being withheld until these items are addressed.

Regarding the well drilling project, Tim Farrell of Mountain Water Works stated that casing is being installed to prevent cavitation of the well, and that he was impressed with the work of Digwell, Idaho thus far. An extension will need to be signed, as the project was to be complete by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Alex Shepherd Senior Project Presentation

This item was not discussed.

### Authorization for Mayor to Sign Change Order / Contract Extension – Well #5

Mayor Good stated that the Change Order / Contract Extension should arrive by the end of the week.

- Council Member Edwards moved to authorize Mayor Good to sign the change order / contract extension for Well #5; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ryker – yes, Parnett – yes, Edwards – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

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RV Use

The Council discussed the RV Use ordinance. Council Member Edwards had expressed concern that the ordinance had the unintended consequence of charging homeowners \$100 for the vacation permit, when it may only be used one or two nights out of the year.

After reviewing the brochure and permit, Council Member Weber noted a discrepancy between the brochure and the application. The application stated the vacation fee was \$100, but the brochure stated \$25. She recalled discussing in a council meeting that the vacation fee should not be exorbitant. Mayor Good noted that the rates and fees resolution passed by the Council showed a \$100 vacation fee.

The Council felt that the \$100 fee was not appropriate and chose to change the fee to \$5 per night, with the same stipulation of no more than 14 consecutive days, and no more than 30 days per calendar year. Another idea was that the fees might go to the Meadows Valley Roundup program. This will be reviewed for legality.

The brochure and permits will be updated to state \$5 per night, and the rates and fees resolution will be updated.

City Promotional Videos

Council Member Ryker would like to create a simple video outside City Hall with her interviewing City Clerk Qualls regarding giving to Meadows Valley Roundup.

Meadows Valley Roundup Fundraising / Promotional Ideas

Mayor Good suggested placing a Christmas tree in city council chambers for the community to decorate. A large bucket could be available for donations. Families could come one at a time and create ornaments for the tree. A thank you card and a wrapped Christmas treat could be given for those who participate.

A letter could be created sharing about the Meadows Valley Roundup program, and then distributed to local businesses, organizations, and POAs as a way to give back to the community.

Pandemic Local Stage Review

Mayor Good shared that the state is now in Stage 2 Revised, meaning no groups of more than 10 people. She stated that at least 30 people have approached her and thanked her for the way New Meadows has handled the pandemic, which has included encouragement, safety, and personal responsibility.

Acceptance of ABT Lease Vacation

The Council discussed the terms of the Industrial Park lease requirement that states a three-month notice must be given when vacating the lease. A precedent was set when Willey's Custom Meats did not give this notice and did not pay for the three months. It was also found that no signed lease exists with ABT Towing. The lease from 2015 had expired, and the extension of that lease was unsigned and not dated. Therefore, the Council felt there was no basis on which to require the 3-month notice. The Council agreed that in the future, more detail must be paid to the documentation collected for leases and agreements.

- Council Member Edwards moved to vacate the ABT Towing lease based on missing lease documentation; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Edwards – yes, Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

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Approval of Mayor's Appointments to the Transportation Technical Assistance Committee (TTAC)

Mayor Good shared her list of committee members she would like to have on the TTAC Committee, which included herself, Darbey Edwards, Mac Qualls, Doug Buys, Jessie Wallace, Johnny Brown, Brad Steiner, Mike Howard, and Levi Burden

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the TTAC appointments by Mayor Good; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Edwards – yes, Ryker – yes, Weber – yes, Parnett – yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included minutes from November 9, 2020, October financials, and approval of paid and pending claims. The financials were not available in print form. Mayor Good read the claims to the Council.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the consent agenda items of the November 9, 2020 minutes and the pending and paid claims; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Edwards – yes, Ryker – yes. Motion carried.

**Future Meeting Topics**

- MV Roundup promotional video
- Rates & Fees resolution – Vacation permit
- Chris Curtin (Broadband)
- Personnel policy update
- Snow storage areas
- Brown's RV dump
- Fence at Well #5
- Change order update
- Stibnite Advisory / Foundation appointments

**Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

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Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob M. Qualls, City Clerk / Treasurer