

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Present at City Hall were Council Members Jeff Parnett, Josh Carr, Kaytlyn Gilliam and Mayor Julie Good. Present via Zoom was Council Member Shiloh Ryker.

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

Public present at City Hall were Carl Crabtree, and Kayrene Brown. Present via Zoom were Sandy Schiffman, Ashley Bakker, and Pierce Ramsay.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:02 P.M. and Kaytlyn Gilliam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Gardner read the New Meadows Mission Statement.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Presentation

Candidate Carl Crabtree, running for District 7 senate seat, introduced himself to the Council and shared his background and goals.

Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good stated that the students will decorate the sidewalks with chalk art this coming Friday to kick off Hope Week, as May is Mental Health Awareness month. Restaurants will have coloring pages for kids to color and hang in order to create awareness about mental health.

Staff Reports

The Council reviewed staff reports. Mayor Good stated that a lightning strike hit a part of the sewer plant and burned up a circuit board, which will need to be replaced. Kirk Kundrick will begin giving a quarterly written staff report.

IT Report

An assessment was completed by 4-Corners Communications and was available for Council Members to review. Mayor Good stated that they will begin working through recommendations as time and money allow.

Discussion Items

Downtown Parking

Mayor Good stated that there have been complaints regarding semi-trucks parking in the downtown area for extended periods of time. Drivers cannot see if traffic is coming without

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pulling out into the lane, which is unsafe. Trucks also take up several parking spaces and block businesses. Mayor Good suggested looking for alternative parking areas for large trucks.

Annexation Questions from the Council

There were no questions from the Council.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held regarding changes made to the Comprehensive Plan. The changes were placed on the website, in the newsletter, in the newspaper, and were available at City Hall for review. Changes included adding the Mission Statement, updating data with new 2020 Census information, updating progress of projects that were outlined in the plan, and adding detail to some of the sections.

Mayor Good opened the Public Hearing at 6:17 P.M.

There was no public comment.

There was no written comment received.

Mayor Good closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 P.M.

Action Items

Displacement RV Permit

Pierce Ramsay, residing at 510 South Commercial, requested a 180 day renewal of his Displacement Permit. He stated that the RV has a separate hookup and is on a gravel pad.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the Displacement Permit for 510 South Commercial; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

City Hall Phone System Bid

Mayor Good stated that the City is currently paying \$205 per month for phone services, and is having issue with dropped calls. The company 8X8 was referred to the City by 4 Corners. The City would be charged for equipment, but would save \$100 per month. Phones can be answered via computer or cell phone apps.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve a new phone contract with 8x8; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

April 25,2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

City Clerk Gardner polled the Council and all members stated that they had read the minutes.

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- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve the April 25, 2022 minutes; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Mental Health Proclamation

City Clerk Gardner read the Mental Health Proclamation. Mayor Good stated that resources need to be made available to our community, as most do not know what is available or how to find out. A list of resources should be placed on the city's website.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

MOU – Adams County Historical Society

Mayor Good stated that additional public parking is needed around the park, especially for events such as the Farmers Market, and during future construction on the booster station. Therefore, the Historical Society will allow public parking in their driveway. The City will take two passes through the driveway in the winter to keep the area clear of snow. Potter stated that this should take approximately five minutes. It also might be graded once in the summer months. ACHS asked that the lot be closed to public parking during Meadows Valley Days and during special events being held at the Depot.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the MOU between ACHS and the City of New Meadows; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

AIC Overnight Training & Travel – June 22-24

Staff members Kyla Gardner and Angie Mettie will attend training in Boise June 22-24th. It was requested that City Hall be closed during this time.

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve AIC training June 22-24th and close City Hall for those days; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Park Restrooms

Mayor Good stated that all cameras have been destroyed in the park restrooms, and that staff spend 10+ hours per week on restroom maintenance and repair. She suggested placing two portables outside the restrooms to create a stir in the community. The cost is approximately \$190 per month each, plus an additional \$40 for a second cleaning. When calculating the cost of water and sewer for the restrooms, labor, and maintenance costs, the portables will be less expensive. Over \$2000 has been spent in the last year on repairs due to vandalism, which does not include labor.

Council Member Parnett inquired about whether an ADA portable was available. This information, along with total amount spent on restrooms will be available at the next meeting.

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Grass & Weeds Abatement Contract Approval – Bear Loper

- Council Member Gilliam moved to approve Bear Loper as the City's grass and weed abatement contractor; Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included April 2022 Payroll and paid and pending claims.

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Gilliam 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 park restroom additional information, downtown parking, community meetings for the youth center, tire recycling, Lakeshore donation of a dumpster, new areal map cost, and county shop / recycle center discussion (in June).

Adjourn

Mayor Good adjourned the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk