

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AT 6:30 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, Shiloh Ryker, Kaytlyn Gilliam, and Mayor Julie Good.

Staff present at City Hall were Kyla Gardner, Daniel Potter, and Angie Mettie.

Public present via Zoom were Drew Dodson, Sandy Schiffman, and Ed Anderson.

Mayor Good opened the meeting at 6:32 P.M. and Council Member Gilliam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

There was no public input from the community.

Presentation

EMS District Levy – Doug Buys

Doug Buys, New Meadows Fire Chief, addressed the Council regarding an upcoming levy for Meadows Valley EMS. He stated that an open house will be held April 11th at 6:30 P.M. to educate the public on the levy. In 2015, Meadows Valley EMS was created by Adams County, and since then the Meadows Valley Fire District has taken over the EMS, and is spending \$90,000 per year to fund EMS, which is not sustainable. The levy must have a two-thirds majority to pass, and therefore needs as many voters as possible for support. The levy would raise the amount on a \$100,000 home from \$22.65 to \$39.64. Buys asked for support from the City and hoped they could help get the word out about the levy and the upcoming open house.

Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Good stated that city cleanup days are set for the third Saturday of May and will continue throughout the summer. She is working to get someone to pick up large items, and possibly a person who would collect tires.

BSU has shared their ideas regarding illegal dumping, and located four areas where they felt the dumping may be coming from. Brown's Market has received no activity at the RV dump recently.

There have been many conversations regarding programs for youth and at-risk teens. The Youth Advocacy Coalition is working on a program for New Meadows. Council Member Ryker mentioned IGNITE Idaho Family Resource Center and will bring more information to a future meeting.

Discussion Items

Water/Sewer Hookups for RV Use – Ed Anderson

Ed Anderson, who owns property at 221 Katherine, addressed the Council regarding buying a \$9,000 water / sewer hookup to hook up to RVs. He would like to provide temporary housing for his employees of McCall, and per the ordinance, they must have a permanent water/sewer hookup. This would fall under the “displacement” category on the RV permit. He explained that he would like to use one hookup and connect them to two RVs.

Council Member Parnett inquired about EDUs and how this would be calculated with only one hookup, but two RVs. Both Anderson and the Council recalled that the Displacement permit is set to sunset in 2023. The Council wished to review previous permits approved for Displacement in order to make a fair decision. They also would like to further study the ordinance. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

Evacuation Plan

Mayor Good stated that the City should have an evacuation plan in case of emergency. Doug Buys stated that the fire station was built as an evacuation center that is self-contained with appropriate amenities. The Forest Service building could also serve as a center, but does not have a commercial kitchen or showers.

Council Member Parnett stated that the school has a system to call and email parents in the event of an emergency. Buys stated that Adams County also has Alert Sense that citizens can sign up for. Mayor Good will contact the county to see if New Meadows might be able to participate in the program in emergency situations.

Blue Cross Grant

City Clerk Gardner stated that she applied for a grant for community planning. Three grants in the amount of \$85,000 will be given away. Gardner stated that the grant could be used in the park to bring the community together.

WE CAN Community Boot Camp 2022

Mayor Good stated that this program has four online meetings and teaches you how to plan a project. There is a \$500 grant available for teams who attend the meetings.

Action Items

February 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

- Council Member Parnett moved to approve the February 14, 2022 meeting minutes; Council Member Ryker seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

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Booster Station Repair – Drywall Bid

Drywall repair is required at the Booster Station and will be installed after the roof is repaired. A quote was received from Jake's Drywall for \$1000, which included labor and materials.

- Council Member Ryker moved to approve the drywall quote of \$1000; Council Member Gilliam seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Primary Water/Wastewater Operator Contract

The primary water/wastewater operator contract was not yet available and was tabled until the next meeting.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included paid and pending claims and January 2022 Financials.

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

Future Meeting Topics

Future meeting topics include review of the personnel policy, information on the broadband taskforce, IGNITE, RV ordinance and RV application review, response for Mr. Anderson, and Torch Towing lease review.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Julie A. Good, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kyla Gardner, City Clerk