

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA, NEW MEADOWS

Agenda Item 1) Roll Call, Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Koberstein opened the meeting at 6:00pm. Mayor Koberstein, Council President Julie Good, and Council Members Brad Steiner, and Darbey Edwards were present. City Clerk/Treasure Jacob "Mac" Qualls, Principal Engineer Gregg Tankersley (Crestline Engineers), and Office Assistant Kim Jackson were also present. Public in attendance: Claus White and Christy Grob (Star News).

Mayor Koberstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2) Public Hearing:

a) Public Hearing Opened

Mayor Koberstein opened the Public Hearing at 6:01pm.

b) Applicant Presentation

Tankersley with Crestline Engineers at 323 Deinhard Lane, Suite C McCall, Idaho 83638 presented the Zone Amendment (Annexation) of approximately 41.2 +/- acres north of New Meadows.

Tankersley discussed the boundaries of the annexation with the City Council Members. He also stated certain conditional uses will be allowed.

c) Public Testimony

Council President Good asked Tankersley what the anticipated economic benefits would be. Qualls stated the city has been approached about potential development at the airport. The city could have added market value with development as well as water and sewer connections and fees.

Council Member Darbey Edwards stated the Annexation is a good idea for economic growth.

i. Written comments read aloud

Qualls read an email received at City Hall on October 23, 2014 from Mark Lesser. Qualls also read a letter received at City Hall on November 3, 2014 from Vicky Lafay, Milton Lafay and Carolyn Farrell.

ii. Supporter Testimony

No supporter testimony presented.

iii. Neutral Testimony

No Neutral Testimony presented.

IV. Opponent Testimony

No Opponent Testimony presented.

V. Rebuttal by Applicant

None.

vi. Close of Public Hearing

Mayor Koberstein closed the Public Hearing at 6:14pm.

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Agenda Item 3) Ordinance Adoption:

a. Annexing certain real properties into the city limits and assigning a zone to the property.

- Council Member Steiner moved to introduce the annexation ordinance; Council President Good seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Steiner – Aye, Good – Aye, Edwards – Aye. Motion carried.
- Council Edwards moved to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings on three separate days and reading by title only once; Council Member Steiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Steiner – Aye, Good – Aye, Edwards – Aye. Motion carried.

Council Member Steiner read the ordinance by title.

- Council President Good Moved to adopt the annexation ordinance; Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Steiner – Aye, Good – Aye, Edwards – Aye. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4) Job description Discussion

Council President Good stated the job descriptions she was presenting were just a starting point in the job description process.

Council President Good presented the job descriptions of the City Clerk/Treasurer and Administrative Assistant. Good stated the questions she had were highlighted in yellow.

Mayor Koberstein gave the City Council Members 30 days to review the job descriptions.

Agenda Item 5) Snow Blowing Sidewalk Discussion:

Mayor Koberstein discussed the city providing snow removal for the business owners on Virginia Street for a fee of \$0.06 per linear foot. The service would be provided by a city employee or possibly a part time contracted employee.

Council Member Steiner stated he would like to see the process move forward. Mayor Koberstein stated he would like to go door to door to speak with the business owners before moving forward.

Council member Edwards stated his concerns about liability if the snow didn't get removed in a timely manner and the ramifications of not following the ordinance.

Council President Good suggested for Qualls to contact the City Attorney to clarify the liability and ramifications of not following the ordinance.

Agenda Item 6) Water /Sewer Rate Discussion:

Mayor Koberstein discussed the fact that concerned citizens had contacted him regarding the water / sewer rate. The citizens didn't feel they should have to pay a base rate unless they were actually using water. Koberstein stated he researched Resolution 198 which details the water/sewer rate. If the home has an occupancy permit meaning the home is livable, then the base rate should be applied. In order for a residence to have an occupancy permit the home would be required to have water, sewer, and electric. Koberstein stated he would follow up with the concerned citizens by sending letters explaining Resolution 198.

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Agenda Item 7) Adjourn

- Council Member Steiner moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; Council President Good seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition with all Council Members signifying Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

Claus White asked to speak to the Council Members after the meeting adjourned. He thanked the Council Members for all they have done with the annexation project stating he was pleased the city did not pursue the gravel pit at this time.

OFFICIAL: /s/ Anthony J Koberstein
Anthony J. Koberstein, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Jacob M Qualls
Jacob M Qualls, City Clerk

