

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 1, 2015 AT 1:00PM  
NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 401 VIRGINIA AVENUE

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

Mayor Tony Koberstein called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Mayor Koberstein and Council Members; Brad Steiner, Julie Good, Darbey Edwards, and Shannon Fairchild were present. City Clerk / Treasurer Jacob “Mac” Qualls, Public Works Supervisor Doug Buys, Animal Control Officer Leonard Wallace, and Office Assistant Kim Jackson were also present. Public in attendance: Representatives from Zions National Bank, and Dixie Jeffs.

Koberstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item 2) Bond 101 Workshop**

Representatives from Zions National Bank presented Public Financial information to City Council Members.

**Agenda Item 3) Budget Workshop**

**a) Review of previous years Sewer Expenses and Revenues**

Council members discussed the previous fiscal years Sewer Expenses and Revenues. The current base rate of \$70.00 per gallon for water / sewer is not covering the current sewer expenses.

Council Members discussed revenues and depreciation and a need to increase the sewer rates in order to offset revenues. Koberstein stated a small increase in the base sewer rate is needed in order to increase revenues. He also stated he would like to see an ordinance to enforce this increase annually which would affect the budget as a whole. Qualls suggested the Council could set a five year projected sewer rate resolution instead of an ordinance. Good stated it would be beneficial to do the same with the water rate increase.

**b) Discuss / Decision on adjusting sewer rates**

Council President Good stated the council members should review the average gallons treated through the sewer system.

Council members discussed adjusting water / sewer rates to increase revenue to meet the cost to treat. It was discussed having a 0 base rate per gallon added to the fee schedule in the budget and charging a \$0.012 increase to the current waste water charges.

Council members discussed the will-serves and the need to encourage them give back the meters or pay on the debt and depreciation in order to increase revenue. Qualls stated the will serves should be charged a fee to have the city take back the meters. Qualls suggested sending a letter to the will-serves encouraging them to build or the city may take back the will serves. The letter will state the will-serves have 12 months to begin building, pay for the connection fee or lose their will-serve status.

Council members discussed a five year resolution to enforce the budget and include waste water increase into the resolution.

**Agenda Items 4) Adjourn**

- Council Member Steiner moved to adjourn the Special City Council Budget meeting; Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Voice vote indication no opposition to the motion with all council members signifying AYE. Motion carried

The Special City Council Budget Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.

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

ATTEST: /s/ Jacob M Qualls  
Jacob “Mac” Qualls, City Clerk / Treasurer