

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 12, 2015 AT 6:00PM  
NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 401 VIRGINIA AVENUE

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

Mayor Koberstein opened the meeting at 6:15 PM.

ROLL CALL: Julie Good, Tony Koberstein, Darbey Edwards and Brad Steiner were present. Shannon Fairchild was excused. City Staff present were Mac Qualls, Doug Buys and Leonard Wallace.

Mayor Koberstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Agenda Item 2) Park Mower***

**a) Discuss / Decision on purchasing a lawn mower**

Council President Good asked how old the current mower was. Public Works Supervisor Buys stated the mower was between 15 and 20 years old with well over 1800 hours on it. The mower had become unfixable as the clutch wore out. Additionally the Kushman Mower parts were discontinued approximately ten years prior. This particular mower was handed down to the city by MeadowCreek Golf Resort as a mower for parts.

City Staff had gathered multiple bids from two different businesses on replacing the mower. One from Bell Equipment for a 60 inch mower with mulch kit and three from Campbell Tractor & Implement each with varying attachments and sizes. Additionally staff had researched varying mowers, including purchasing locally at C&M Lumber. Unfortunately purchasing a mower from C&M would void any warranty.

The council discussed the city asking the regional golf courses if they had any surplus that they were willing to sell to the city. Staff stated that Tamarack was unsure what they were going to do with their surplus and MeadowCreek Resort had just leased/purchased new equipment.

The council discussed where the money would come from without having to re-open the budget. The council instructed the clerk to take the funds from the remaining balances from the Snow Removal, Backhoe Payment, Crosswalk Painting and City Hall Upgrades and the remaining out of the Grading & Blading object leaving at least \$1500 in the Grading & Blading Project.

Council Member Edwards stated that he was opposed to the idea of purchasing a new mower this year. He stated he would be willing to donate his time to help make the park look good by push mowing the park each week. He stated he believed that the park needed to look good for Labor Day and thought the purchase should be done the following year. Edwards believed the council could look at other options.

Council Members discussed looking at other mowers, including used. Council Member Steiner stated he did not believe the city should purchase used as that usually reveals other problems. The council also discussed looking at smaller sized mowers.

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The council discussed the need to begin to fund depreciation in the future, or at least begin a contingency amount.

Council Member Steiner stated he had called down and talked to other dealers in Boise and found prices were even higher for other mowers. The council discussed borrowing a mower from other entities but felt that the city would need to replace or repair borrowed mowers. The council also understood that the city was looking at purchasing a new mower the following fiscal year.

The council discussed purchasing a John Deere from both Campbell and Bell Equipment. They wanted to go with Bell even though that quote is \$24 more because they wanted to keep the purchase locally.

- Council Member Steiner moved to purchase the Z915B Commercial Trak 60 inch mower with mulch kit from Bell Equipment for \$8,200.00; Council President Good seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all others indicating AYE.

***Agenda Item 3) Adjourn***

- Council Member Steiner moved to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

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Anthony J Koberstein, Mayor

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