

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

Agenda Item 1 – Roll Call – Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance:

Present were City Council Members Julie Good, Rob Hines, Shannon Fairchild, and Mayor Tony Koberstein. Darbey Edwards was absent.

Staff present was Doug Buys and Angie Mettie.

Mayor Koberstein opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2 – Budget Workshop:

The Council discussed attorney fees, which were overbudget. Good stated that she would prepare an itemized list of costs and also an average of the past 3-5 years.

Buys shared the needs of the water department, which included isolation valves, hot tap valves, a new tank lining, antennas for the meters, booster station upgrades, and other repairs or replacements.

Buys stated that energy costs may triple on the sewer side, due to the land application costs and additional sampling, chlorination and dichlorination. He estimated that the price of chlorine will double. His suggestion was to cut multiple projects and use that money for operations and maintenance. The land application will cost the city more, but is still the cheapest alternative. Buys suggested cutting smoke testing and manhole rehabilitation, if necessary, which may need to be reevaluated later.

Concerning Streets, Good stated that it was within budget. Buys added that more will be known on what is required for the Virginia Street project after his meeting on August 7th with ITD. Buys also stated that potholes were an issue this year, and snowplowing was overbudget. The Council chose not to reduce the amounts for Streets, in case of another hard winter.

The Council removed Ordinance Codification from the budget. They discussed maintenance of equipment, suggesting maintenance on one piece of equipment per year.

Agenda Item 3 – Adjourn:

- Council Member Fairchild moved to adjourn; Council Member Hines seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

____/s/ Anthony J Koberstein____
Tony J. Koberstein, Mayor

ATTEST: ____/s/ Jacob M Qualls_____
Jacob M. Qualls, City Clerk / Treasurer