

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
HELD TUESDAY MAY 23, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

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

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

Staff present were Mac Qualls and Angie Mettie.

Public present were Wes & Dixie Jeffs.

Mayor Koberstein opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Input (Decorum):**

There was no public input.

**Agenda Item 3 – Budget Workshop:**

The Council reviewed the budget in general for fiscal year 2017/2018. Good noted that criminal fines are very low this year compared to previous years. Good suggested inviting the Judge to a meeting to help with a solution. Edwards expressed concerns from the community regarding animal control, speeding, and parking issues. The Council would like to consider ways to have a stronger police presence in the City either by having an officer reside in New Meadows or possibly revising the contract with incentives for an increased presence.

The Council raised concern over attorney fees for the current year, which were over budget. Ideas to curb costs included limiting usage and possibly setting a retainer. Fairchild suggested noting the fine amount with each case, as well as having Adams County send a copy of each disposition in order to monitor costs and revenue.

Qualls stated that Highway User Fees and state liquor revenue will be less next year. The Council brainstormed ways to generate revenue for the general fund. Ideas included an RV camping area, tent camping or donation boxes in the park, and looking at Industrial Park revisions.

Mayor Koberstein asked for consideration for the ITD project on Virginia that will be coming up. Funds will be needed to replace pipes. Good stated that the public will need to be informed on this, and that ITD needs to be aware of the current funding situation for this project.

Good stated that the next budget workshop date would be scheduled at the June City Council meeting.

**Agenda Item 4 – Pay Review:**

After reviewing the rates for the cost of insurance per month for one employee, a calculation error was found. The Council chose to change the pay raise amount for Angie Mettie from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

- Council President Julie Good moved to change the offering from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hour; Council Member Fairchild seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying aye. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 5:**

- Council Member Edwards moved to adjourn; Council Member Hines seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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

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