

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

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

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

Staff present were Tim Farrell, Gregg Tankersley, Dick Stubbs, Doug Buys, Mac Qualls, and Angie Mettie.

Public present were Nikki & Kenneth Crogh, Crystal Bass, Kraig Spelman, Heather Wilde, Eldon Carpenter, Tim Fausett, and Wes & Dixie Jeffs.

Mayor Koberstein opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Decorum:

There was no public input.

Agenda Item 3 – Street Issues:

Kraig Spelman addressed the Norris Street flooding and ditch issues. He stated that the County will replace two culvert pipes on Norris to help with the flow of water. A third culvert pipe will be traded for the large utility bill. He stated that replacing the culverts will not solve the issue of water entering the town, but will help with the flow. Mayor Koberstein asked Buys to meet with Kerns regarding an agreement for his property. The Council approved of the County performing this work.

Kraig Spelman shared a written proposal from Adams County Road & Bridge for a trade of supplies for the large utility bill resulting from a broken pipe. The Council agreed that the trade of culvert pipe for the cost of the water leak was fair.

Mayor Koberstein addressed the Council about adding speed bumps to both Peterson Memorial Avenue and South Norris. Community Member Heather Wilde spoke about speeding motorists near her home and stated that she did not feel it was safe for her grandchildren to play outside due to the speeding cars. Buys stated that he would choose an alternative to speed bumps. Speed bumps make plowing difficult and must be spiked into the roads, causing holes and eventual cracking. Wilde was asked for solutions. She suggested patrolling the streets with zero tolerance for speeding. Other ideas included bringing in the sign that flashes a driver's speed, publicizing the need to slow down, temporary speed bumps, and adding dips in the road. Temporary speed bumps will be researched and more information will be presented at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Council Discussions:

Council Member Rob Hines volunteered to be the law enforcement liaison. Good stated that as the liaison, Hines would be the voice of the Council to the Sheriff's department. Hines will report to the Council concerning law enforcement issues.

Tankersley addressed the Council regarding funds for SCADA upgrades. He suggested a consultant be hired to assess New Meadows' system and compare to industry standards before spending the money on the current system. The assessment would show the costs and benefits of different components. The Council chose to allow up to \$2500 for this consultant, but would like to spend much less if at all possible.

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Tankersley will present a proposal to the Mayor and Buys, and if in agreement, will proceed. If not, a special meeting will be called.

Tim Farrell of Mountain Waterworks gave an informational presentation regarding the water facility plan. He identified a list of projects and shared the deficiencies in New Meadows' water system. Farrell laid out a process for funding, notifying the public, and moving forward with project priorities.

Buys updated the Council on dust abatement for this coming summer. He stated that it is scheduled for June 7th, weather permitting. He stated that one application was sufficient last summer, and will continue with one application this year.

Agenda Item 5 – Agenda Bills:

AB 2017-01 regarding a Limited Duration / Off-Site Premise Permit: Qualls stated that he tried building an application from this ordinance and in doing so, streamlined the ordinance. The Council discussed the difference between a public and special event, and considered combining the two. It was suggested to have one form for all vendors, peddlers, and events. Other ideas included permitting only those who sell on city property, having a policy for park use, and simplifying the document even further. It was suggested that the Parks & Recreation look at a policy for the park, similar to what Meadows Valley Days has.

AB 2017-09 regarding a land action request by Linda and Lamont Lloyd to adjoin Lots 17,18, and 19 in Ridgeview Subdivision: Qualls stated that the Lloyds have permission from the subdivision to adjoin the lots. He also stated that there is no process in the zoning code pertaining to adjoining lots. The Council chose to allow the lots to be combined with the understanding that the Will-Serves on the land must still be paid. The Council also would like the Planning & Zoning Committee to develop a policy for adjoining lots.

- Council President Good moved to approve the adjoining of Lots 17,18, and 19 in the Ridgeview Subdivision with the understanding that Will-Serves will not be affected by this decision; Committee Member Hines seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Fairchild – aye, Good – aye, Hines – aye, Edwards – aye. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – Communications and Reports:

Mayor Koberstein updated the Council on the progress of the Music Festival. It was clarified that the Music Festival is its own separate entity, not part of the Parks & Recreation Committee, nor part of the City. The Mayor and Qualls commended the hard work of the individuals working on the festival. The Council supports the festival, but noted that no city funds may be used for advertising or planning. Good asked about the activities of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Youth sports were discussed. The Council suggested creating a log or how-to handbook for each activity to help future members form successful programs. Koberstein added that volunteers are hard to find.

The Right-of-Way Permitting process was not discussed.

Council President Good commended Doug Buys on his work on the roads.

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Agenda Item 7 – Consent Agenda (Approval of all with Single Motion and Roll Call):

Consent agenda items included Minutes from March 13, 2017 and March 16, 2017, invoices to date, financial reports and payroll summary for March 2017, and the acceptance of resignation of Becky Arrien from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Good noted a change to the March 13th minutes, replacing Fairchild’s name with Good’s name in Agenda Item 6.

Regarding Willey’s Meat maintenance, Qualls will look up the starting date for Marty’s agreement.

Buys stated that the cost of Chlorine is rising and shipping will be charged in the future.

- Council President Good moved to approve the consent agenda with correction to the minutes; Council Member Fairchild seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Fairchild- aye, Good – aye, Hines – aye, Edwards – aye. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8 – Executive Session IC74-206(1)(b):

An executive session was held to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student.

- Council President Julie Good moved to go into Executive Session at 9:15 P.M.; Council Member Fairchild seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Fairchild – aye, Good – aye, Hines – aye, Edwards – aye. Motion carried.

The Executive Session was closed at 9:35pm and the meeting was re-opened.

Agenda Item 9 – Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

Eldon Carpenter addressed the Council concerning two lots on South Morgan Avenue. He stated that there is lumber, tires, tin and other items on the properties, creating a fire hazard and an unsafe environment for children. Good stated that action will be taken to help clean up these properties.

The Council set a special workshop to discuss the Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00 P.M.

The Council set a special Budget Workshop for Thursday, May 11th at 6:00 P.M.

The Council set a special Open Meeting Law Workshop for Monday, June 19th at 7:00 P.M. All staff, committee members, and the public will be invited.

The USDA Closing Presentation for the 2nd Bond will be May 8, 2017 at the regular meeting.

Agenda Item 10- Adjourn:

- Council Member Edwards moved to adjourn; Council Member Fairchild seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all member signifying aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

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

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