

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 AT 6PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA ST, NEW MEADOWS

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

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

Staff present were Mac Qualls, Angie Mettie, and Dick Stubbs.

Tony Koberstein opened the meeting at 6:05 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Input (Decorum):

There was no public input.

Agenda Item 3 – Zoning Code Discussion:

The Council discussed Section 2, Zoning Code Definitions A-N. The Council looked for uniformity in the definitions and removed duplicity of several terms. Verbiage was also changed to be uniform throughout. The remaining definitions will be discussed at a later meeting. See attached list of suggested changes that will be forwarded on to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Agenda Item 4 – Water / Sewer Rate Discussion:

Council Members looked at the current water and sewer rates. They noted that depreciation is currently not being covered. Income must be increased to cover costs. Revenue requirements with the USDA loan are \$181,000. This amount must be met over the next two years. The Council was aware that raising rates is difficult for community members, especially those on fixed incomes. They stated that more water users are needed to pay into the system. They chose to add a \$2.50 increase to the sewer cap fee (4.1%) and a \$1.00 increase to the water cap fee (21%) in lieu of an increase to the per gallon rate. The Council also noted that this fee is much less than the \$16 increase that is needed. The increased revenue will help the city to receive moneys from other sources and will bring the city closer to the \$181,000 needed to comply with the USDA loan.

Agenda Item 5 – 2017/2018 Budget Hearing Date:

The Council discussed a tentative budget hearing date and chose to have the hearing at the regular City Council meeting on August 14, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Agenda Item 6 – Adjourn:

- Council Member Fairchild moved to adjourn; Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicate no opposition to the motion with all members signifying aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

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

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