

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA STREET, NEW MEADOWS

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

Present were Council Members Darla Weber, Julie Good and Carol Bond. Daryl Norris was absent.

Mayoral applicants present were Darbey Edwards, Gina Mencer, and Sandy Schiffman.

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

Public present were Darcy McDaniels, Dave Manley, Marlene Twiford, Phil Janquart, Jeff Reichman, Shayleen Brooks, Jennifer Brown, Richard Brown, Wes & Dixie Jeffs, Pat Kennedy, Brad Dreyer, Jeff Brown, Philip Good, Nikki Crogh, Pamela McConnell, Bill Libby, Lin Davis and David & Susan Kellogg.

Council President Good opened the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

Agenda Item 2 – Mayor Interviews & Possible Selection:

Good stated that the mayor was to be appointed by the Council. City attorney Stubbs stated that by law, council members must disclose conflicts of interest, conversations, and relationships with applicants prior to this process.

Good disclosed that she had a conversation with Schiffman. Schiffman asked about staff performance and moving forward with tasks. She also stated that Edwards asked her how much time a mayor was to spend in the office. Numerous citizens shared their concerns with Good.

Bond disclosed that she spoke with Mencer, who asked how to apply for the mayoral position. Several others also asked. Bond also disclosed that Mencer is her supervisor at work.

Weber stated that she had talked with Dreyer and Qualls.

Council members asked questions of each applicant, including how they would work with the many differences in religion, politics, and economic statuses. Also asked was what their vision was for New Meadows, both short and long term. Each applicant shared what they felt the top challenges were for New Meadows.

- Council President Good moved to appoint Darbey Edwards to the position of Mayor, stating that she was impressed with his honesty and his resume and felt that the time he had previously spent on the issues was valuable; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Bond – aye, Weber – aye, Good – aye. Motion carried.

The City Clerk swore in Darbey Edwards. Members of the Council and the Mayor signed the Bank Authorization.

Agenda Item 3 – Training:

City Clerk / Treasurer Qualls shared about open meetings, deliberations, transparency and agendas. He stated that agendas are only required to be posted at City Hall, but are placed in numerous locations, as far in advance of a meeting as possible. By posting packets online, citizens can see what will be discussed at meetings and are always encouraged to give their input at appropriate times.

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Public Input (Decorum):

Community Member David Kellogg commented that he has been in business in New Meadows for 25 years and has seen the decline and closed businesses due to the recession. He felt that the town could prosper from the growth in McCall, but that it should be cleaned up and ordinances followed to help promote new growth.

Council President Good responded that the Ordinances are followed but have no teeth to incentivize people to follow them. Creating ordinances that work and that are enforceable is key.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Requests:

Community Member Brad Dreyer addressed the Council, stating that New Meadows has a comprehensive plan and a zoning code that will move the city forward. He felt that the city was moving backward by not following the plan and codes in place. He felt property values were decreasing due to blight and non-compliance. He asked that it be fixed.

Agenda Item 5 – Official Guests & Reports:

Jeff Brown of the Sheriff's Department, reported to the Council that they are continuing to spend time in Meadows Valley School, allowing high school students to do ride-alongs for their senior projects. He stated that they regularly visit the restaurants and stores, and that they enjoy their time spent with New Meadows residents. Their one request was that citizens help by taking an active roll to correct issues. Trying to report an issue anonymously does not solve problems but standing up for what is right will help make a difference. Council Member Bond stated that she is aware of a drug problem in New Meadows and was grateful for the presence of the Sheriff's department and all they do for our city.

Agenda Item 6 – Council Discussions / Decisions:

Parks & Recreation Funding

Council Member Bond stated that members of the community would like clarification on how funding, receipts, and disbursements work through the City's accounting system. She wanted to make sure that donations, such as for playground equipment, would not be misappropriated for another project. Good stated that after speaking to the auditor on the issue, this could not happen, as every fund (playground equipment) has its own identification number. The auditor stated that Parks & Rec monies should go in the general fund, which is safest. A ledger could be printed, using the Parks & Recreation fund number that would show the monies going in and out of the fund. Good gave her assurance that the separate funds would only be used for what they were appropriated for.

Citizen Advisory Group

Council President Good would like parts of the Citizen Advisory Group Resolution reworded so that it is broad enough to encompass many different areas. She also suggested someone from the Council or Planning and Zoning sit on this group to help guide the progress. She felt that the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance should be the focal point. She also wanted to clarify that the group would receive tasks from the Council, and would be an advisory group, not a decision-making group. The Mayor would appoint members to this group. Good felt a job description was necessary before forming the group. Linn Davis, Nikki Crogh, Brad Dreyer, Sandy Schiffman, Pat Kennedy, Dixie Jeffs, and Darcy McDaniels would be interested in sitting on this advisory group.

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Mission Statement Resolution

Council President Good provided a mission statement as a launching point for the City of New Meadows. Council Member Weber felt that it could be expanded upon. Mayor Edwards felt that buy-in was very important. He would like public comment on the statement.

Recreational Vehicle DRAFT Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The Council reviewed a draft zoning ordinance amendment regarding RV Parks in New Meadows. There was no discussion on this amendment, as there are no current plans for RV Parks in New Meadows.

Recreational Vehicle DRAFT Temporary Use Ordinance

Council President Good stated that sending letters to those in non-compliance, paying legal fees, and charging misdemeanors is not working. She suggested creating an ordinance to work with the current situation, helping to create better living quarters, and then sunsetting some of the older requirements once living conditions progressed. She wanted to discourage RV living and encourage permanent housing. She created five types of RV uses that would allow current RV living in certain circumstances but would also encourage them to look for permanent housing. Comments from the public included the ideas that some people may choose to live in RVs, others could not afford housing or fees, and for others, no alternative housing was available. Another view point was that the RV living was not allowed to begin with, and the ordinances should be followed. Council Member Weber would like to begin immediately and not drag out the process. Mayor Edwards stated that he would like written comment on the issue. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

Dog Identification

Mettie summarized for the Council an idea from Jerry Mason regarding dog identification. Instead of licensing dogs through the City, the City would require each dog to have an identification tag with name, phone number and address, as well as a rabies tag on the dog at all times. Information was given from the cities of Iona and Rathdrum, which have a dog identification policy instead of licensing. In 2017, only twenty individuals licensed their dogs in New Meadows. Mettie will add this information to the current animal control ordinance for review at next meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Consent Agenda:

Items on the consent agenda included the Parks & Recreation Resolution, Fair Housing Proclamation, ITD Cooperative Agreement / Resolution (Water Main HWY 95), Idaho Unified Certification Program Agreement, DC Engineering Task Order (Programmable Logic Controller), Airport Commission Resignation Acceptance, Minutes from January 8, 2018 and January 24, 2018, Payment of Claims, December and January Financials, and January Payroll. The ITD Cooperative Agreement was pulled from the consent agenda and will be added again in March.

- Council Member Bond moved to approve the consent agenda; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Bond – aye, Weber – aye, Good – aye. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8 – Information (No Action):

Information for the Council included review of Parks & Recreation meeting minutes and staff reports. City Clerk Qualls stated that the county approved the building official contract at 65/35 but would like to discuss 80/20 with the next budget. Qualls also stated that the refrigeration unit went down at Willey's Custom Meats. There were no official guests.

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Agenda Item 9 – Items for the next agenda:

- Wellhead Protection Ordinance / Surface Water Protection Policy
- Ridgeview Subdivision
- Dog Identification
- Right-Of-Way Issues & Junk Enforcement
- Land Swap Agreement
- Cleanup Campaign (Non-running vehicles, garbage & junk enforcement)

Agenda Item 10 – Adjourn:

- Council Member Good moved to adjourn; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Darbey Edwards, Mayor

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