

REGULAR CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD JULY 9TH, 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 Carol Bond, Julie Good, Darla Weber and Mayor Darbey Edwards, arriving at 6:15pm. Council Member Parnett was absent.

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

Public present were Brad Dreyer, Eldon Carpenter, Dave Manley, Sandy Schiffman, Jake Howard, Sheriff Ryan Zollman, Amber Kostoff of McPaws, Tyler Jones, Tryssta Hallcroft, Pat Kennedy, Drew Dodson, Bill Libby, and Prosecuting Attorney Chris Boyle.

Council President Good opened the meeting at 6:10 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2: Audience Communication:

There was no audience communication.

Agenda Item 3: Official Guests, Reports & Presentations:

There were no official guests.

Agenda Item 4: Abatement Hearing (Action Item):

Tryssta Hallcroft, property owner of 516 South Heigho, requested a hearing regarding a nuisance violation on her property. She was concerned that her property received a notice when other properties in her area did not. Hallcroft explained that she felt her property was singled out and that they have been working on cleaning up the property by cutting the grass and removing barrels of debris, which were being recycled. Mayor Edwards stated that some properties in New Meadows have received multiple complaints, which is part of the reason some properties were noticed. Hallcroft presented photos to the Council and public showing other properties in her neighborhood that she felt should also have been noticed. She asked for a list of those who were noticed. Hallcroft did not deny that her property was in violation, but felt others were also in violation, but were not noticed. Council President Good stated that the clean-up ordinance is being reworked with the goal of creating a very understandable and fair process for all. Mayor Edwards asked if help was needed. Hallcroft stated no. Mayor Edwards stated that he would personally review the property and communicate with Hallcroft by August 15th.

Agenda Item 5: Action Items:

A. Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Agreements, Contracts & Memorandum of Understanding:

Animal Shelter Memorandum of Understanding:

McPaws Regional Animal Shelter – Amber Kostoff of McPaws shared a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council, summarizing the services that both McPaws and the City of New Meadows are offering for local animal welfare. No funds are requested or will be exchanged. McPaws would like to help in the care of cat populations by collecting stray cats, spaying or neutering them, clipping their ear, and returning them back to their home environment. New Meadows would house stray dogs for no more than 24 hours, and then transfer the dogs to McPaws. New Meadows also will share data with McPaws on the number of animals picked up and returned to owners.

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- Council Member Bond moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with McPaws and have the Mayor sign it; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Bond – yes, Good – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

Building Official Contract:

Council President Good would like to know why the Building Official Contract is being requested at 75/25 instead of 65/35. Good would like the topic to be placed on the Adams County Commissioners' agenda to talk with them regarding the amount. Mayor Edwards will attend the meeting.

Law Enforcement Agreement:

Council President Good Inquired of Sheriff Zollman if the City of New Meadows could have more code enforcement. Sheriff Zollman said that ordinances that are black and white are best for proper enforcement. He also stated that the radar trailer is available for New Meadows to use, if desired.

- Council President Good moved to approve the law enforcement agreement and financial plan between Adams County, Adams County Sheriff's office and the City of New Meadows; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Bond – yes, Good – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

B. Clean-Up Ordinance:

One written comment from Jeanne Mitchell was received regarding the draft clean-up ordinance. She would like to see the number of junk vehicles reduced from three to two. Mayor Edwards commended the Citizen Advisory Committee for their work on the draft ordinance. The City Council reviewed the draft and will send suggestions back to the Committee for review. These included looking at items behind a privacy fence from a health and safety perspective, and also reviewing ambiguous wording to help with enforcement. Prosecuting attorney Boyle suggested replacing section 5.2 with 6.1. He also felt that a warning was important, and that community service should be left out, but that the judge could order it if the city desired it. The idea was to abate the nuisance, not issue citations, if possible.

Community Member Jake Howard cautioned against requiring residential guidelines for commercial lots, such as, a new resident issuing a complaint against a long standing business for having multiple vehicles within view. He also felt that difficulties occur with over-regulation. He stated that New Meadows currently has ordinances that cover the issues of cleaning up the neighborhood. He also felt the public should be allowed to vote on the ordinances.

Community Member Bill Libby felt that people are leaving New Meadows because of the regulation.

The suggestions for the clean-up ordinance will be sent back to the Citizen Advisory Committee for review.

C. Records Custodian Resolution:

City Clerk / Treasurer Qualls said that the state is now requiring a designated records custodian and alternate as of July 2018.

- Council President Good moved to approve the Records Custodian Resolution; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Bond – yes, Good – yes, Weber – yes. Motion carried.

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D. Committee Appointments by Mayor Edwards; Confirmation by the City Council:

There were no appointments.

E. RV Parks Grandfathering:

The Council wished to clarify the issue of which RV Parks were grandfathered in and for what reasons. Planning & Zoning Commissioner Brad Dreyer stated that grandfathering is the use of land prior to any zoning codes put in place. As long as the use does not stop, it is grandfathered in. If the use stops, then the new codes will apply from that point forward. The Council reviewed a list of RV Parks in New Meadows that met, or possibly met, those requirements. Qualls stated that one of the RV Parks on the list, F&H trailer park, is not owned by him; however, he resides there. He stated that this may or may not be a conflict of interest, and that F&H Trailer Park would have to protect its rights. The Council wished to determine whether the JI Morgan bunkhouses originally allowed RVs. They also will review state code regarding RVs in mobile home parks. They chose to table the decision until the next meeting.

Community Member Kennedy asked when this item was chosen for the agenda. Council President Good responded that the item was chosen June 4th when the Planning & Zoning Commission chose to enforce the current ordinance and not allow RV living in the city limits.

F. Regular City Council Meetings:

The Council discussed having two meetings per month in order to shorten the length and be able to cover more material. They chose to schedule meetings the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:30 P.M. beginning August 27th. Mac will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting on Monday, July 16th, which will also be held at 6:30 P.M.

G. Committee Assignments:

Mayor Edwards would like the Planning & Zoning Commission to review parking. The Citizen Advisory Committee will review the suggestions from the City Council for the draft Clean-Up Ordinance.

H. Ordinance Review:

The Council reviewed Titles 10-12 of the code workbook for codification, which included zoning, subdivisions and flood control. Their comments were recorded on the Code Workbook Excel sheet. This concluded the review of the workbook and will soon be sent to the codifiers.

I. Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included minutes from June 4, 2018, June 11, 2018, June 18, 2018, June 25, 2018, payment of claims, financials and payroll.

Council President Good would like to correct the June 11 minutes under agenda item four, stating that the Economic Development Council has worked with Idaho Housing Trust to begin providing housing in New Meadows.

- Council President Good moved to approve the consent agenda with change to the June 11 minutes; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – Information (No ACTION):

Urban Ranching: No information was available on urban ranching.

Water Project update: The payment has been made. No other information was available.

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Proceedings Review: The Council reviewed minutes from the Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

Official Guests: There were no official guests.

Written Staff Reports: The Council reviewed staff reports. Buys stated that the items on the checklist for the sewer project have not yet been completed, and that they are to be completed by June 13th. Gregg Tankersley will be contacted to assure the list is completed. He also stated that the auger room alarm has been triggered three weeks in a row at similar times, and is monitoring the situation for possible causes. He also noted damage was done to Peterson Memorial Avenue. He and Mayor Edwards have prepared three cost estimates for repairs. Estimates will be forwarded to the Council. City Attorney Stubbs will look at ordinances dealing with meeting conduct.

Mailbag & Announcements:

Mayor Edwards is still looking for projects and volunteers for cleanup in New Meadows.

Agenda Item 7 – Items for Next Meeting(s):

The time for the special City Council meeting on July 16, 2018 was changed to 6:30 P.M. Items for this meeting will include a Midas Gold community presentation, FY 18/19 tentative rate and budget adoption, the Granite contract, review of the grandfathering of RV parks, and an ordinance for meeting date and time changes. The regular meeting of August 13th will include the hearing for FY 18/19 budget and rates, and a discussion on Local Option Tax Funding.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjourn:

- Council Member Bond moved to adjourn; Council Member Weber seconded the motion. Voice Vote indicated no opposition to the motion with all members signifying yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Darbey Edwards, Mayor

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

