

REGULAR CITY OF NEW MEADOWS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 VIRGINIA, NEW MEADOWS

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

Present were Council Members Darla Weber, Jeff Parnett, Julie Good, and Mayor Darbey Edwards. Carol Bond was absent.

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

Public present were Crystal Bass, Vince and Nila Giacomelli, Prosecuting Attorney Chris Boyd, Sherriff Ryan Zollman and Deputy Ron Jones.

Mayor Edwards opened the meeting at 6:31 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2 – Information

Official Guests: Sheriff Ryan Zollman introduced Deputy Ron Jones to the Council and public. Jones has been on patrol for two years. Zollman addressed the drug problem in New Meadows, stating that there is a presence of drugs, but less so than in neighboring cities. Opioids are a problem because there is no detection for them. The same is true of Marijuana. Council President Good asked about ordinance enforcement, especially vehicles on the road during plow times. Sheriff Zollman stated that they are depending on Buys to alert them to specific cases when needed, but are not actively searching for these vehicles.

Prosecuting Attorney for New Meadows, Chris Boyd addressed the Council and stated that Mr. Hale has plead guilty and must clean up his property. He stated that a letter to the judge, or a personal meeting with the judge, to share the city's stance on the issue of clean-up would be very helpful. He also stated that having neighbors and staff at the hearings has been helpful.

Staff Reports: Buys gave a report regarding sewer issues, plowing, and the replacement of a water heater in the park bathrooms.

Mailbag & Announcements: Council President Good stated that the Stibnite Advisory Council voted to open their meetings to the public. The meetings are held at Midas Gold.

Agenda Item 3 – Audience Communication

Vince Giacomelli of 409 North Miller had presented a drawing of his property and asked for clarification on the ordinance regarding placing a 6-foot fence in the front yard. The reason for the fence was to accommodate a dog. Giacomelli felt that the front yard was wasted space if it could not be fenced.

Mayor Edwards explained that the fence would probably not meet zoning specifications, as it did not put him at a disadvantage over other property owners. Council President Good explained that the overall concept of New Meadows is an open community, versus one where each individual house is boxed in by fences. Having open front yards helps to deter crime. Mayor Edwards stated that it also gives law enforcement officers and emergency services a clear line of sight. The zoning code states fences in front yards must be no higher than three feet.

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Agenda Item 4 – Public Requests

There were no public requests.

Agenda Item 5 – Presentations / Discussions

Supplementary Zoning Regulations: The Council discussed Supplementary Zoning Regulations (Title 10, Chapter 11). Council President Good stated that the regulations should either be adhered to or removed. Some of the listed regulations not being adhered to were: trash receptacles requiring a 3-sided enclosure, sidewalk / easement maintenance, and parking in easements during plowing times. They also discussed signs, home occupations, and loading areas. The Council was interested in the reasoning behind some of the requirements. They will review all suggestions and place on the next agenda.

Agenda Item 6 – Action Items

Urban Ranching: The Council reviewed the draft Urban Ranching ordinance. A representative from the Extension Office was not able to attend the meeting. The Council would like advice from a knowledgeable source before approving the ordinance. They chose to have the definition of urban ranching state, “a term used for raising livestock in the city.” The application should include questions to help an applicant decide if urban ranching is viable on his property. Also discussed was allowing a city representative to inspect the property if needed. The Council will place the item on the March 25th agenda and invite an Extension Office representative to visit and answer questions.

Internet Installation for Park CCTV: City Clerk Qualls received a quote for Internet access from Frontier. Good will contact Wilderness Wireless for a quote. She would like to find out a cost for the larger packages from Frontier. Jeff Luff should also be contacted to find the minimum amount of broadband needed for streaming video.

Industrial Park Lease – ABT: Buys shared a business plan with the Council for an auto repair facility, which will bring a new business and employees to the community. Buys stated that an alteration would be needed to the floor, which would need Council approval. The Council chose to approve the new business for the Industrial Park, and review the actual lease agreement at a later date.

- Council President Good moved to lease the to-be-vacant unit at the Industrial Park to ABT Towing LLC, recognizing that an auto repair facility will be included in the Industrial Park; Council Member Parnett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Weber – yes, Parnett – yes, Good – yes. Motion Carried.

The Council also stated that they would like to review all Industrial Park leases in general, and would like them to be 5-year leases instead of 9-year leases. The item will be added to a later agenda, as well as approving a new lease for ABT Towing.

Consideration of Committee Appointments:

City Clerk Qualls stated that two members of the Citizen Advisory Council would like to step down. Also, the Parks & Recreation and Planning & Zoning Committees are in need of members. Mayor Edwards has created a notice calling for more members. Council President Good suggested creating flyers asking for members.

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Agenda Item 7 – Future Meeting Topics

March 11, 2019:

- ABT Lease
- RV Short Term Use
- Park Master Plan
- Dog Ordinance & Resolution Amendment
- CCTV Camera System
- Well location

March 25:

- Supplementary Zoning Regulations
- FY 19/20 Project Budget
- Urban Ranching

Future Meetings:

- Industrial Park Leases - general
- City-Wide Broadband

Agenda Item 8 – Adjourn

- Council President Good 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 8:38 P.M.

Darbey Edwards, Mayor

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