Meadow Work Meeting

October 12, 2023
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.

****These minutes are for information only****

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember CJ Stott, Clerk Monica Dearden, Treasurer Christine Scott, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Lloyd Robison, Lynn Bond, Allen Erickson, Andee Holdaway, Brandon Cummings

Excused: Councilmember Dustan Starley, Councilmember Tyson DeWolf and Councilmember Channing Stott

1. **Opening Ceremonies (three-minute limit):** Mayor Bishop opened the meeting, those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A prayer was offered by Mayor Bishop.
2. **Colin Jack- Dixie Power: Discussion about possible Centracom project:** *Brandon Cummings will be standing in for Colin Jack representing Dixie Power.* Mayor Bishop welcomed Brandon and stated that Meadow Town was interested in Dixie Powers thoughts on CentraCom and attaching to existing poles.
   Brandon shared that Dixie Power allows no attachments to the poles they own. They feel it causes safety problems and also legal problems. The National Electric Safety Code sets clearances on the space between the electric wires and anything else that is added to the poles.The CentraCom employees are not qualified to get into the space, so they have to stay lower on the pole which creates clearance issues. Dixie Power feels that most of the old poles in Meadow are not designed to hold the added weight that would come from extra attachments to them. The max distance drops from a possible spacing of 400 feet to 200 feet. If you allow anyone to attach onto your poles, you have to allow anyone to attach. Each time another attachment happens everything needs to be redesigned to hold the weight. CentraCom is only paying a rental fee for the attachment, but Meadow Town would need to be responsible to keep track of how many attachments have been added. Brandon reported that he has seen problems in Fillmore because of the added weight of the initial cableTV wire additions- CentraCom has now bought those lines. The cable that they use is steel that goes pole to pole and then is wrapped in coaxial fiber.

This combination becomes too heavy. Dixie power has been called out multiple times in Fillmore to make repairs for similar situations and Fillmore City is charged those costs not CentraCom or anyone that attaches to the poles. Using Meadows' existing poles saves CentraCom money and Meadow takes on the liability and expense. Meadow was told that if the pole does not meet specifications CentraCom will replace them at their cost. Brandon questioned how CentraCom knows that the pole may have problems such as an underground rotting that isn't seen. Mayor Bishop wondered if that would be something that Dixie Power could assess for Meadow Town? Brandon said yes, but he didn't know what the cost would be. Lloyd asked to comment. He stated that he has dealt with these issues for years working with Rocky Mountain Power. He said if the fiber was installed today while it was cool, when summer comes and it warms up the wires will hang three feet lower because of the expansion and contraction of the metal/steel. He also said the steel wires have no give, if you hit them the poles break not the wire. He said lots of the poles in town look good at a glance, but some are rotten under and that just isn't something you can see at a drive by glance. Brandon said that Kanosh has chosen not to move forward with CentraCom and shared a document from Dixie Power to Kanosh. ** See Attachment titled ***Just use Bullet Points***
Brandon said that Meadow has good soil and that they could go underground easily though it would be at a higher cost to CentraCom. Mayor Bishop questioned if Meadow owns the infrastructure and contracts to Dixie Power for repairs why does Dixie Power not want to take over the infrastructure of Meadow Town? Brandon said he doesn't know for sure, but that the many of the small towns generate some revenue for them. Mayor Bishop wondered what Dixie Power charges per KWh. Brandon says he pays $.066 for his stock power and thinks his residence is close to the same. Andee said there can be lots of extra fees in those situations and to be aware of that possibility.

3. **Adjourn:** CJ motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bishop seconded.