

# Meadow Town Council Meeting

**October 17, 2023  
Meadow Firehouse  
7:00 p.m.**

**\*\*\*THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED \*\*\***

**Attendance:** Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Dustan Starley, Councilmember CJ Stott, Councilmember Tyson DeWolf, Monica Dearden, Sunny Guild, Zane Murman, Ed Zmirchavitch, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Lloyd Robison, Lynn Bond, Ranae Williams, Camille Jensen, Justin Jensen, Andee Holdaway, Andrew Flake, James Wilcox.

**Excused:** Councilmember Channing Stott, Treasurer Christine Scott

- 1. Opening Ceremonies (three-minute limit):** Mayor Bishop welcomed those in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Tyson gave a prayer. Mayor Bishop excused Channing and Chris.
- 2. Review of minutes: Public Hearing- September 27, 2023, Town Council Meeting- September 27, 2023 & Work Meeting- October 12, 2023:** The council read over the minutes from the meetings. CJ motioned to approve the public hearing minutes from 09/27/2023. Dustan seconded that motion. All were in favor. Mayor Bishop wanted to be sure that Tony's letter would be included with the official minutes from the 09/27/2023 Town Council meeting. Dustan motioned to approve the minutes. CJ seconded the motion. All were in favor. The council read over the work meeting minutes from 10/12/2023. There was not a quorum in attendance so those minutes were not approved.
- 3. Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:** No conflicts were noted.
- 4. Public comments: Issues and/or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public. (Limited to three minutes per person.)**
  - a. Tony Cowley asked Mayor Bishop if there had been an application filed for a water master plan grant now that the deadline has passed. Mayor Bishop answered that no application was filed.
  - b. Lloyd had some comments about CentraCom coming to Meadow. He stated that underground would be a better option, but will not be as cheap for CentraCom. Once CentraCom connects onto Meadow's poles all the liability falls on Meadow to maintain and repair. Lloyd dealt with this when he worked for Rocky Mountain Power. He shared a situation in Delta that a transformer was pulled down because of the additions to their poles, this spilled oil which required a HAZMAT team and also asphalt replacement. In the end this cost Delta City about

\$50,000 dollars. Lloyd says there are approximately 160 poles in Meadow that they will wish to connect to that do not have the capacity to hold the weight. If two poles are pulled down, he estimates the repair costs at \$10,000. Lloyd states that going underground would be his recommendation. He also said that the street lights on Main cost about \$4,200 a year to operate. They are outdated and parts are not available. If they were replaced with new lights the cost would only be about \$2,000 a year to operate and the town would make up the difference in just a few years.

- c. Lynn had a few comments about the Town Employee position that was advertised. It stated that the meter reader would read water meters from April-October, but he said in the past, October was only read as needed. He also commented that it stated poles would be weed eaten around when the streets were mowed, but he has never seen Landon do that.

## **5. Accounting Reports**

- a. **Review and approve payments:** Monica went over the payments to be made. Monica made those in attendance aware that there were four Amazon.com charges that were her personal orders that inadvertently were charged to the Meadow Town account. Monica had a check for \$145.11 to pay that. CJ motioned to pay the payments. Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- 6. **Water Department:** Mayor Bishop talked to Channing before the meeting. He had nothing to discuss. Andrew reported that he has just completed the Sanitary Survey that has to be done every three years. This includes checking the tanks, chlorinator and the system. They would like Meadow Town to have a cross connection control program binder. Andrew has completed the classwork for this and just needs to take the exam. There were no other findings or concerns.

- 7. **Electrical Department:** No business

- 8. **Road Department:** Tyson reported that things were ok. He is still trying to make contact with someone to do some filling of the potholes. He will get the snowplow in for servicing next week so it will be ready when needed.

- 9. **Parks and Cemetery:** CJ reported that both the Park and the Cemetery look beautiful. Heath Weber has been back and did one more blast for gophers. The park looked nice for the eclipse visitors and there was a good turnout. Monica noted that they did a great job of cleaning up after themselves. CJ will contact Holt waste to have the seasonal dumpster removed.

- 10. **Fire Department:** Jim was not able to attend. Mayor Bishop reported that they are working on a lean-to on the back of the fire station.

- 11. **Planning and Zoning:** No meeting was held this month.

- 12. **Building permits:** None

- 13. **Administrative**

- a. **Discussion and possible decision to allow CentraCom into Meadow's infrastructure and into Meadow town:** Mayor Bishop

reported that at the work meeting last week Dixie Power stated that they were opposed to the idea of CentraCom attaching to the existing poles. Mayor Bishop has been in contact with Paul Peckham and asked for a copy of the pole impact assessment, but has not seen anything yet. When he does he will share that with the council members. He did ask if underground would be an option and they seemed open to that as a possible route. Mayor Bishop stated that comes with another set of issues; it would be slower and the plan would have to be redesigned. The Mayor asked the council members to start asking townsfolk about their thoughts and opinions about going above ground or underground. Tony asked Dustan why if the phone company went underground could CentraCom not also go underground.

- b. **Town Employee update:** Mayor Bishop asked for the council's support to hire Jordan Stewart as the Town Employee. Channing and Landon will help him find meters as needed.
- c. Mayor Bishop also took a moment to address the annular eclipse. He said there were people everywhere; on ramps, off ramps, gas stations, church parking lots, on the side of the roads and especially at the park. He estimated 250-300 people. It all seemed to go well and people enjoyed Meadow Town.

**14. Other business:** None

**15. Closed Session (UCA 52-4-205 & 205) to discuss one or more of the following (if necessary):** The character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual; collective bargaining; pending or reasonably imminent litigation; the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares; the sale of real property, including any form of water rights or water shares; deployment of security personnel, devices or systems; investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; contract negotiations, the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the city's bargaining position: None

**16. Any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session:** None

**17. Adjourn:** CJ motioned to adjourn. Dustan seconded. All were in favor.

Monica Dearden  
Meadow Town Clerk