

Meadow Town Council Meeting

September 20, 2022

Meadow Firehouse

7:00 p.m.

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

- **Those in Attendance:** Dustan Starley, Mayor Gary Bishop, CJ Sott, Channing Stott, Tyson DeWolf, Monica Dearden, Madison Turner, Landon Stott, Van Stott, Vicki Lyman, Alishia Starley, Donna O'Neil, Bryce Whitaker, Neal Westphal, Ed Zmitravich, Andy Holdaway, Lynn Bond, Tony Cowley, Zane Murman, Tanya Murman, Amber Amodt, James Amodt, Andrew Flake, Dennis Bond, Allen Erickson, Ron Heard, JD Freeman, Ranae Williams, Rex Williams, Jim Beckstrand, Tammy Beckstrand, Liz Stott, Leo Stott
- 1. **Opening Ceremonies:** Mayor Gary Bishop led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rex Williams offered prayer at the meeting.
 - a. Mayor Gary notes the track of an attendance clipboard passed around to keep track of attendees as well as the spelling of their names.
- 2. **Review of minutes:**
 - 7.20.22 meeting minutes are reviewed by the council. Typos on pg4 are noted, from unapproved minutes. Tyson makes a motion to approve edited minutes, as Dustan seconds. All in favor.
 - 7.20.22 Closed Meeting, Tyson and CJ mention no changes or issues. Mayor asks if changes are needed. Conclusion is no, and ask is there a motion to accept. Channing makes a motion to accept, Tyson seconds, all in favor.
 - 8.16.22 Tyson notes a few names of attendees were misspelled, and also mentions the help of the attendance clipboard that is new to help with this. CJ motions to accept, Channing seconds, all in favor.
 - 8.22.22 Meeting minutes to approve the bills, Dustan makes a motion to accept, Tyson seconds the motion, all in favor.
- 3. **No declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:**
- 4. **Public comments;**

-Lloyd Robinson- Discusses the reverse of the 911 emergency program, how the program works and can be more accessible. Explains registration process and asks for this info to be included with monthly billing.

Lloyd also has questions of the mayor of funds used in the approved 2023 budget. Specifically he asks about \$20,400 in the cemetery fund and \$31,900 for the Meadow Fire Department.

-Jim and Tammy Beckstrand- Jim proposes another purchase of flags for each service branch/academy of the United States. The total would be \$345.56. Tammy floated an idea for the town budget to purchase canopies, likely ten, to support community activities like July 24th. The initial flag project was \$2,060. Donations were \$1,727.06. In total, Meadow town put in \$332.00. Discussion amongst the council is in agreement how beautiful the Memorial display was. Mayor asks if there is a motion to accept the proposal of the proposed flag purchase. Channing motions, Tyson seconds, all in favor. (previous sponsorship is at \$18.00/flag). Discussion of what is acceptable, and concluded that any donation is acceptable.

Gary asks, to run another proposal not on the agenda about the canopies and tents. Not a time sensitive matter. Tyson says to hash it now, Dustan says to wait. Discussion amongst the matter of purchase and prices goes amongst members, Mayor decides to table the matter until the future.

Ed Zmitravich-Ed noted he was gone Jan- Aug. He also notes changes in his billing, @ a \$4.00 increase. Dustan notes a few discrepancies and mentions Pelorus isn't doing it right. He also says it has been applied to every resident and needs to be looked back through. Mayor says, Dustan is aware that we have been working with the billing company. Mayor also notes a discrepancy in billing, and credits have been made from the July bill. Dustan recognizes and admits he has weighed a bit into the billing error. Ed notes the resolution was June 14th. Mayor invites Ed to review meeting minutes and his monthly letters. Tyson says we have raised 0.02 cents. Dustan mentions the bottom tier needs to be raised in the programming system. Mayor says our motion was to change 0.02 across the board. Mayor asks if Dustan can get a report our next month to suffice the changes. Ed asks about residential and commercial fees increasing. He claims there is not enough detail within the resolution to define. Ed has issues with the resolution of increases to the kw/hr per 0.02 cents. Ed also asks about absent council members on the council during the resolution, and how the date of the signatures could be possible and justified.

Rex Williams and Bryce Whitaker- Bryce and Rex have a proposal to the town to remove the yield sign at the Y crossing at the Conoco gas station. Bryce thought it was a state highway, but it belongs to Meadow. A second proposal is to widen the street to the Conoco entry way from the highway. Safety is of concern. Bryce proposes turning lanes, and would like to

request a letter or insight from Meadow town, to UDOT, to help design or the need to promote to do so.

-Rex Williams- Rex notes that travelers, trucks, farm equipment, etc. have increased and a lot of close calls. The turning lanes would provide additional space to navigate, and ask for support. Mayor asks Bryce about costs and payment. Bryce mentions he does not know, but maybe an 80/20 split between state and town. Maybe there could be a proposal, Bryce says, and does not know the numbers. Mayor says there is a discussion, and can draft a letter to UDOT to review the intersections and not commit Meadow to anything. Channing requests time to talk to people of Meadow. As Mayor noted, some are for, some may be against. What should we do? Dustan mentions folks traveling having trouble seeing around a bottom tier of dirt, off the south bound ramp, and describes the structure of dirt mounds could be troubling and some other issues he would be concerned about as traffic may not be cautious to do so. No motion is made.

5. **Johnny Munoz-** Running for County Commissioner Office, discusses his strengths and asks for support.

Dennis Bond-Dennis supports the removal of the yield sign.

Lynn Bond-Lynn notes the entry days of minutes are wrong, read through Junes, and advises mistakes. June's minutes, he mentions, there are mistakes. Should be corrected. The electric rate, minutes need to be corrected. Ability to receive power from the town for Allen Erickson property, needs correction. Mayor appreciates, and thanks Lynn.

Tony Cowley- Tony mentions that the corner of 25 East of Elda's house, the meters are misread. He says the meters are not correct. Mayor acknowledges and thanks him.

6. Accounting Reports

- a. Review and approve payments: Monica reviews payments.

-Mayor has a question about Dixie power. Dustan says it was a year ago. Monica notes they have not yet cashed their check of \$30,000. Mayor says, we need to phone them and ask, what is going on. Dustan asks about the bill running along the road shed. Mayor says we have time, and that it's been a year, and asks Dustan to make contact, and carry it over into next month.

Dustan makes a motion to accept, aside from the \$30,000 bill in question. CJ seconds, all in favor.

7. Administrative:

- a. Mayor revisits Allen Erickson's request to expand power connection to his property. The proposal noted that past requests have not been

granted. No motion is made, the decision is no electrical connection out of town.

- b. GRAMA expenses are discussed. Mayor notes that to date, \$890.96. Mayor says, this number will go up and noted this is postage and lawyers fees.
- c. Mayor proposes to use Tyson DeWolf as Mayor pro-tem, council supports.
- d. Fire resolution is discussed. Mayor feels it's time to expire it, and allow the town allowance for the use of fire/fireworks. Within town boundaries, Meadow follows restrictions and does not control out of town boundaries. Mayor proposes to amend, Channing makes a motion to amend on date of signature, Dustan seconds, roll call, all yay. Resolution is amended.

8. Water Department:

- a. Andrew Flake describes lots of weeds and roots found when the system was video and cleaned. We need to stay on top of the concrete and screens, at least every other year. Concrete is crumbling causing issues with the camera getting through and maintenance is priority. Mayor asks if springs are producing enough to come out of red, and Andrew replies, "no". Channing mentions a device used, root-rodder, we could perhaps purchase. Doing the labor themselves, with the device, would save money. Between 1-3000 dollars, including attachments, would save money in the long run. Discussion that some water meters in town have been found to not count correctly. Landon is addressed, and noted that every meter is to be read and figured out.

9. Electrical Department:

- a. Dustan talks about U.A.M.P.S and the deals about current power sources. Mayor asks about cost effectiveness and what can/would happen? Mayor asks Dustan to stay on top of the topic and we can visit this in October.

10. Parks and Cemetery:

- a. CJ mentions to keep the dumpster, (Holt Waste), at the park until October.

11. Fire Department:

12. Planning and Zoning:

- a. Andrew notes, still waiting for comments on annexation.
- b. Mayor notes, Sorenson's passed their 4-way inspection.

13. Other business:

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

14.Adjourn: Channing motions to adjourn, CJ seconds.