

Meadow Town Council Meeting

December 19, 2023

Meadow Firehouse

7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Dustan Starley, Councilmember Channing Stott, Councilmember Tyson DeWolf, Councilmember CJ Stott, Treasurer Christine Scott, Clerk Monica Dearden, Sunny Guild, Zane Murman, Ed Zmirchavitch, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Lloyd Robison, Camille Jensen, Justin Jensen, Andee Holdaway, Alan Erickson, Ray Stewart

1. **Opening Ceremonies (three-minute limit):** Mayor Bishop welcomed those in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A prayer was offered by Mayor Bishop.
2. **Review of minutes: Town Council Meeting- November 21, 2023:** Tyson motioned to approve the minutes. Dustan seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:** No conflicts declared.
4. **Public agenda topics (time allocations for presentations is seven minutes. Additional time may be allocated to the topic as determined by the Town Council and/or Mayor to address questions or follow up with a presentation).**
 - a. **Lloyd Robison- Discussion about selling power system:** Lloyd would like to take some time to educate the board. In the history of Meadow the park and cemetery have generated no revenue. The water department has not paid for electricity, neither has fire or the town buildings. Looking at Dixie Powers rates online to turn on the park lights it would be \$175.00. Just to have a meter it would be \$39.00 monthly with no use. Street lights would be \$14.88 per light plus usage, which would average between \$25,000 and \$36,000 depending on usage. The well would cost \$36,000 a year and based on last year's figures it would have cost \$50,000 to run. There are so many things in Meadow town that are paid for by the revenue from the electric department. The water department brings a small amount of revenue, but the electric department is the breadbasket. Poles would still need replaced, trees would still need trimmed. All these things cost money. Lloyd also wanted to take a moment to thank Dustan for not buying into the nuclear route as it has now gone belly up and all those that did are out the money. If Meadow town chooses to sell to Dixie Power there would need to be approval from the PLC (Product Service Commission).

5. **Public comments: Issues and/or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public. (Limited to three minutes per person.)**
 - a. **Tony Cowley-** Tony questioned if Hunter 2 was back up. Dustan said not as far as he is aware. Tony said that means Meadow Town will be buying on the open market. Dustan said he has no updates as of now if that will be the case. Tony went on to say that the nuclear option is dead, which leaves wind, solar, battery or geothermal. One bad decision could bankrupt the town and that a town can't run on grants and loans.
6. **Accounting Reports**
 - a. **Review and approve payments:** Monica went over the payments with the council. CJ motioned to approve the payments. Tyson seconded. All were in favor.
7. **Water Department:** No business
8. **Electrical Department:** Dustan reported that the nuclear option is no longer an option. The Canyon mine is not open and there is another mine that isn't operational possibly also. Getting coal is a struggle. The legislature has given the approval to get coal from Colorado, but the quality is lacking.
9. **Road Department:** Tyson stated that they are just waiting for the snow. He will make sure to train Jordan and get him ready to move forward with the plowing when the snow does come.
10. **Parks and Cemetery:** No business
11. **Fire Department:** No business
12. **Planning and Zoning:** Justin reported that the commission members voted Andrew Flake to be the chairman for the 2024 calendar year. Sean Kelly attended his first meeting.
13. **Building permits:** No business
14. **Administrative**
 - a. **Fraud Risk Assessment:** Monica went over the Fraud Risk Assessment with the board. This is required yearly by the State of Utah. Mayor Bishop and Monica both signed this.
 - b. **Planning & Zoning Chairman:** See above.
 - c. **Date and time to swear in new council members:** New council members will be sworn in on Thursday January 4th at 7:00 pm at the firestation.
15. **Other business:**
 - a. Mayor Bishop shared with those in attendance that the yearly audit of agreed upon procedures with Kimball and Roberts was held earlier in the day. There were two findings; Employee Fidelity Bond needs to be increased from \$25,000 to at least \$45,000 and two employees need to sign all financial reconciliations. Mayor Bishop also reported that both items have been taken care of as of meeting time.
 - b. The state has found an issue with the 2024 budget that needs to be corrected and will require public hearing. This was planned for January 16, 2023 at 7:00.
 - c. Mayor Bishop took a moment to thank both Dustan and Tyson for their years of service; Dustan with 16 and Tyson with 6. He stated that a town

council position takes time, energy and commitment and again thanked them for their efforts. He asked both of them if they would like to take a moment and share some thoughts.

Dustan- There have been lots of changes, things that have happened, things fixed up. He has just rolled with the day-to-day... nothing glamorous. He shared that he got a lot of information from DeLyle Carling and Lloyd Robison and encouraged the new council members to talk to people and learn. He originally started overseeing the roads department and then moved to the electric.

Tyson- It takes a lot to run a town and he feels he has learned a lot. People have educated him and helped him and he is appreciative of those efforts.

Ray Stewart commented and asked if the town could take Dustan, Tyson and their wives out to dinner to thank them for their year of service.

16. 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.

17. Any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session:

18. Adjourn: Dustan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tyson seconded. All were in favor.

Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk