

Meadow Town Council Meeting

July 15, 2024
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Justin Jensen, Councilmember Sunny Guild, Councilmember Channing Stott, Councilmember Jim Beckstrand, Clerk Monica Dearden, Treasurer Haley Abplanalp, Lynn Bond, Zane Murnan, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Lloyd Robison, Andee Holdaway, Allen Erickson, Dennis Bond, Liz Stott

1. **Opening Ceremonies (three-minute limit):** The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Mayor Bishop offered a prayer .
2. **Review of minutes: Public Hearing and Town Council Meeting- June 24, 2024:** There were a few corrections on the printed minutes. Jim motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Channing seconded and all were in favor.
3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:** None
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).** None
5. **Public comments: Issues and/or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public. (Limited to three minutes per person.)** None
6. **Accounting Reports**
 - a. **Review and approve payments:** Monica went over the current claims with the council. Channing motioned to pay the bills. Justin seconded. All were in favor.
7. **Water Department:** Channing said we are running the well. Monica asked if we needed to move to the yellow billing. Channing thinks we can wait a bit. Andrew has been replacing some of the old meters. Channing asked Lynn about one of his meters that has issues. Lynn said it is old, deep and he is lazy. Channing has been told that Lynn would not allow it to be replaced. Lynn said go ahead. Channing asked Jim how often the park is being watered. Jim will talk to Jordan and possibly cut back after the 24th celebrations.
8. **Electrical Department:** Sunny said she didn't really have anything. There was an outage that lasted through the night, but Dixie power was already on it by the time she called them. Monica posted it on Facebook and Sunny got multiple calls. If there is a better process to get the word out, she is open to ideas.
9. **Road Department:** Justin got some patching done. In the process a concerned neighbor called the cops, which was frustrating. State road has done some work on main street and blended the cross streets well. He talked to another company about future maintenance and is just waiting on bids.

10. Parks and Cemetery: Jim will talk to Jordan about the watering schedule.

Jordan has ordered some supplies to repair the drinking fountain and is doing his best to get it fixed before the 24th celebration. Jim reported that the cemetery is looking better, but they still have some issues that they are working through. USU extension has taken some core lawn soil samples, and they are waiting on lab results. There is concern with fungus and grubs. They took a drive over to Fillmore's cemetery and they are having issues too. The grasshoppers have caused problems and have been a struggle to keep up with.

11. Fire Department: Mayor Bishop reported that the fire department has been very busy, especially on the freeway.

12. Planning and Zoning: None

13. Administrative

a. **Annual fraud risk assessment:** Mayor Bishop explained the fraud risk assessment with the council and noted that Meadow Towns risk falls into the "very low" category.

b. Mayor Bishop wanted to take a moment to follow up with Tony Cowley's comments from the public hearing last month. In 2010 or 2011 when the town changed over from Caselle to Pelorus the reports and line items looked different. Monica has been in contact with Rick Roberts, our auditor and he referred us to two pages in our yearly financial statements. Tony says that in the contract on page 36 it is very spelled out exactly what funds and accounts we need to have, he estimated there should be over \$200,000 at this time. Tony also stated that there needs to be a report filed no longer than ninety days after the fiscal year ends. Monica has looked and not been able to find any reports that have been filed. Mayor Bishop feels we are in compliance as does our auditor. Jim would like us to follow up and possibly request a copy of the contract from the department of drinking water.

14. Other business: Jim asked in last month's meeting for Monica to check if our insurance covers damage to headstones by town personnel. She found that it does, with a \$1000 deductible.

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. No closed session was held.

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

17. Adjourn: Channing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sunny seconded. All were in favor.

Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk