

Meadow Town Council
October 14, 2024
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.

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

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

1. **Opening Ceremonies (three-minute limit):** Allen Erickson offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.
2. **Review of minutes: Public Hearing & Town Council Meeting- September 16, 2024:** The council members reviewed the minutes. Jim motioned to approve the minutes with a few minor edits. Channing seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:** No conflicts were declared.
4. **Public comments: Issues and/or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public.** (Limited to three minutes per person.):
 - a. Tony Cowley stated that in Mayor Bishop's September newsletter, it was said that "Utah Division of Drinking Water asked Meadow to reorganize some budget line items related to the bond", that's garbage, that's not true, and in the June letter "I am happy to report that Meadow Town is doing well." Tony stated that Meadow Town was not asked, but told and posed the question "Why not be honest with people?" He went on to say, you talk about contention, this is the cause, be honest with the people. Default is serious business, the accounts are not there, they were not funded and you were left with the choice to open the budget and fund them for around \$200,000 or pay off the loan at \$106,000. Tony then asked a question to the councilmembers, "How long are you going to sit and listen to garbage, and rudeness to people? Look in the mirror, this reflects poorly on you. You don't have to do what he (motions to Mayor Bishop) tells you to do, you have your own vote, if there is something wrong, you need to exercise it."
5. **Accounting Reports**
 - a. **Review and approve payments:** Monica went over the current claims with the council. Channing motioned to pay the claims. Sunny seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - b. **UAMPS bill payment:** Channing motioned to pay the UAMPS bill when it comes in, Monica will send the total to council members. Jim seconded that motion. All were in favor.
6. **Water Department:** No business in the water department

7. Electrical Department

- a. **UAMPS resource updates:** Sunny shared that UAMPS has made recommendations about resource groups to possibly look at and maybe be a part of. One of those was natural gas, but Sunny would like to hold on that for a bit. There is a geothermal study happening south of Cove Fort that she feels may be good to become a part of. Wind is also an option, but probably not the direction for us to go. These are just at the research stage and possibilities to get into on the ground floor. Kasey Penney should begin tree trimming of primary lines soon.

8. Road Department: No business in the road department

9. Parks and Cemetery: Jim shared that there was nothing major for the parks and cemetery departments. Lee is trying to come up with a good plan for the gophers, but it could be difficult with the surrounding areas. They will begin to winterize and lock things up at both the park and cemetery.

10. Fire Department: No Business in the fire department

11. Planning and Zoning: The Planning & Zoning group is working on the short term rental ordinance and are planning for a public hearing soon.

12. Administrative

- a. **Centracom update:** Mayor Bishop shared that Centracom is here and beginning work. Mayor Bishop, Channing and Andrew met with their contractors and representatives and discussed the plan to go underground. They are hopeful that the first phase will be done by Halloween and customers should have that service option by Christmas. They are having some struggles with community members stuff in the right ways.

- b. **Schedule November meeting:** The council discussed a few dates for the next month's meeting and will schedule a public hearing addressing future meeting dates before the meeting. The dates that are being considered are Monday the 11th or possibly the 18th.

13. Other business: None

14. 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.

15. Any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session: No closed session was held

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

Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk