

Meadow Town Council Meeting
October 23, 2025
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.

*****THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED *****

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Sunny Guild, Councilmember Channing Stott, Councilmember Justin Jensen, Clerk Monica Dearden, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Lloyd Robison, Zane Murnan, Lynn Bond, Ed Zmitravich, Andee Holdaway, Camille Jensen, Allen Erickson, Dan Anderson

Excused: Councilmember Jim Beckstrand and Haley Abplanalp

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** Mayor Bishop welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Review of minutes: Town Council Meeting- September 15, 2025:** Sunny motioned to approve the amended minutes for the September 15, 2025 meeting. Justin seconded. All were in favor.
3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:** No conflicts
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. **Daniel Anderson- Cloud seeding funding request:** Dan is asking for some funding. He has been in contact with a company called Rainmaker who does an advanced cloud seeding process using radar and drones to release silver iodine. Cloud seeding is already happening in the area and has been for many years. This advanced process would begin on November 1, 2025 and continue through April 31, 2026. The initial quote from them was \$400,000, but the state of Utah is willing to offer a grant that will cover \$350,000. Dan is making as many visits as he can to those that may benefit from the possibility of more rain/snow to ask if they would be willing to pitch in to fundraise the remaining \$50,000. At this point he has seven entities on board and a few more to visit. The plan is to begin the advanced cloud seeding next week. The area that would be covered is the Pahvant Valley aquifer which goes from the Churchills North of Holden to South of Kanosh. Channing notes that there are studies that are showing that this process is working. Dan stated that cloud seeding alone averages a 5-10% increase in snowpack, this drone cloud seeding process shows a 10-20% increase, or 1-3 inches of actual precipitation. Justin said that we can live without power and even shelter for a time, but not without water. He feels that this could be money well spent. Channing said there is existing data and they can track this year and see what

changes happen. He also said that when the state is willing to come in with grants, it's usually a good deal. The water situation right now isn't great and if there is no new water to replace what is being pumped out, we are in trouble, we need to protect the aquifers. Justin wondered when they need to know if Meadow is willing to donate. Dan said sooner than later. Channing and Justin both stated they are supportive. Sunny questioned where we would take the money from in the budget and would also like to hear how the public feels.

5. Public comments: Issues and/or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public. (Limited to three minutes per person.)

- a. **Zane Murnan**- Zane shared that he has been in contact with John Jennings who is over the water division at the state of Utah and that cloud seeding is already happening here and has been for years with Nevada and Colorado and many southern states donating to cloud seeding in Utah. Last year the State of Utah spent over 16 million dollars on cloud seeding. He went on to say this is happening and we don't have to put money to make it happen. Why waste a small town's money on something that is being done. Mayor Bishop stated that Zane has said in the past that he has a young water right and is not in Meadow Town limits. Zane said yes.
- b. **Lloyd Robison**- Lloyds stated that his comment was for Sunny. He asked where the poles that were behind the fire station have disappeared to? There were 6 or 8 and now there are 2. He also said that there is a pole behind Brad Robinson's (124 N 200 E) that is leaning quite a bit.
- c. **Mark Cowley**- Mark asked what is the town's policy on donations.
- d. **Tony Cowly**- Tony said that his comment is an extension of Mark's and has been asked in the past and been brushed off. Who gets donations and how much?
- e. **Allen Erickson**- Allen said that the light on his corner still blinks. Sunny said she is aware and wants to have Dixie Power do more than one repair when they come and that is delaying it a bit.

6. Accounting Reports

- a. **Review and approve payments**: Monica went over the current claims with the council. Channing motioned to approve the payments. Sunny seconded. All in favor.
- b. **UAMPS bill payment**: Channing motioned to pay the UAMPS bill as it comes in. Sunny seconded. All in favor.

7. Water Department: Channing said that there is a leak on Center Street and they are aware, not having equipment to fix it means waiting. There has been some past talk about purchasing equipment which would give the town options when something needs fixed quickly and Sagers can't make it. Channing thinks a Mini Excavator or backhoe is needed.

8. Electrical Department: Sunny said that Penney's has completed the tree trimming. She has no other electrical business.

9. Road Department: Justin said that things are good in the road department. Plows are full of fuel and ready to go when storms come. Mayor Bishop noted that the mowing of the streets looks good and thanked Camille.

10. Parks and Cemetery: Monica will contact Holt's to remove the park dumpster.

11. Fire Department: No business

12. Planning and Zoning: Mayor Bishop said that the council received the Subdivision draft ordinance later that they would like to have time to review it, so the public hearing scheduled for tonight was canceled and will be rescheduled in November.

13. Administrative

- a. **Discuss and decide electric utility reimbursement:** Meadow Town has received money from IPA and a UAMPS operating margin check that was larger than normal. When power rates were raised in 2022 it was stated that if the town got a chance, they would lower rates when they could. Mayor Bishop and Sunny are sure if they are ready for that, but would like to discuss a break or not billing in December as a way to give residents a break. A lengthy discussion was held about how this could happen and the logistics of this. Channing motioned to bypass billing in December. Sunny later seconded the motion. All were in favor. Monica will work with Pelorus to find the best way to make this happen.
- b. **Schedule a public hearing for the subdivision ordinance:** The council decided to hold a public hearing on the regularly scheduled meeting date of the third Monday in November. This will be November 17 at 7:00 with the town council meeting to directly follow.
- c. **Ordinance review:** The ordinance chosen this month was 4-3-1 Solid Waste Disposal. In this ordinance it is stated that residents shall pay a fee of \$11.25. Mayor Bishop pointed out that the rate for each residence is set by Millard county and Meadow Town pays the rate that they set, currently the rate is set at \$12.00. Basically this is a billing pass through and is managed by Millard County. Mayor Bishop feels that this ordinance needs to be stricken, but a public hearing needs to be scheduled for this to be done.
- d. Mayor Bishop shared that he received a letter from Heidi Riley with Utah State Finance stating that the administrative fee is going up on January 1, 2026.

14. Other business:

- a. Mayor Bishop addressed the donations policy question that was asked earlier in the meeting. There are line items in the budget for donations. This has been used to send community kids on school trips, an annual donation is made to the library for years and will probably continue to happen. Meadow Town also chooses to invest in services with no guaranteed results, such as the UAMPS buy-in that we participate in.
- b. Cloud-seeding request for funds- Mayor Bishop said that opinions have been heard, but the council could open comments back up for more discussion. Dan asked if he could respond to Zane not wanting Meadow to buy in. Dan clarified that the state of Utah contracts with and uses the

company Rainmaker. They were not planning to use the upgraded drone option in this area until Dan contacted them and set this all in motion. Yes, it is happening, but only because Dan has committed to finding entities to donate the remaining \$50,00 portion. Mayor Bishop will follow up with Mr. Jennings in the water department to clarify the things that have been discussed. Channing feels that this would be a good investment.

Channing motions to fund \$5000 to Rainmaker if needed and based on the information Mayor Bishop learns from his planned call. Justin seconds the motion. All were in favor.

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.

16. Any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session: No closed session

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

Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk