

**Meadow Town Council Meeting
December 15, 2025
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.**

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

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Sunny Guild, Councilmember Channing Stott, Councilmember Justin Jensen, Councilmember Jim Beckstrand, Treasurer Haley Abplanalp, Clerk Monica Dearden, Lloyd Robison, Dennis Bond, Lynn Bond, Zane Murnan, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Robert Beckstrand, Dusty Mundy, Ryan Mundy, Allen Erickson, Andee Holdaway, Katrina James and Daryl James

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** Mayor Bishop welcomed those in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was said and a prayer was offered by Jim.
2. **Review of minutes: November 17, 2025**
 - a. Public Hearing- Channing motioned to approve the edited minutes for the November 17, 2025 Public Hearing meeting. Sunny seconded. All were in favor.
 - b. Town Council Meeting- Jim motioned to approve the edited minutes for the November 17, 2025 Town Council meeting. Channing seconded. All were in favor.
3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:**

Sunny will not participate in the Mundy discussion as her wife is a cousin to Ryan Mundy.
4. **Public comments: Issues and/or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public. (Limited to three minutes per person.)**
 - a. **Lloyd Robison-** Lloyd read from the Municipal Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act, "State law", the law makes it a crime to commit the following: use or attempt to use his official position to further substantially the officer's or employee's personal economic interest; or secure special privileges or exemptions for himself or others. Class A felony of the second degree if the total value of the compensation, conflict of interest, or assistance exceeds \$1,000. He stated that he thinks this applies to one of the discussions tonight, that there is a conflict of interest and it's been declined.
 - b. **Dr. Katrina James:** Dr. James is a veterinarian, with a mobile vet clinic based out of Holden. She would like to set up in Meadow every couple months to provide services to the residents of Meadow and Kanosh. She has a van with a power source and a generator that is not completely reliable. She would like to hook into city power and is willing to enter into a reimbursement agreement for that power. She wonders if the fire station would be a good spot and would stay clear of the fire equipment.

- c. **Tony Cowley:** Tony stated that there is a problem with posting the minutes. The law says three working days for the audio, it was a week this last time and the August audio was never posted. He recalled that back in October of 2021, that was one of the two bullet points to fire the clerk at that time. He also stated that the topic of bringing power outside of town limits is a bad idea, it's bad for Meadow, it's bad for the people of Meadow and if it is voted to pass that you will be opening up the gate of hell for a long time.
- d. **Allen Erickson:** Justin brought the plow truck over for Allen to check the batteries on it, it wouldn't start and he had to jump it. Allen suggests the town get a battery tender to keep on the truck which will save on replacing batteries. He says they are inexpensive.
- e. **Mark Cowley:** Mark referred back to the public hearing last month. He said the purpose of a public hearing is to hear from the public, not to hear discourse between council members, you can do that during town council meetings. He went on to say, it should not be limited to three minutes because you are trying to hear what the public has to say about what you are doing.
- f. **Lynn Bond:** Lynn stated he had a question for Channing as it was his last month and when Channing started there were a couple fire hydrants that needed fixing and that hasn't been done. He said he also handed Channing papers that showed valves that Lynn Bond and Lynn Wall put on for isolation and that didn't get done either. Lynn also had a complaint about some things that happened at the state road shed. He wondered about the comment that Jim made in the November meeting about headstone moving and wonders why anyone is moving headstones without the sexton or anyone giving the approval to do that, and that would never have happened on his watch. He said that Mayor Bishop said how nice the flags looked at the park, but Lynn feels that at the end of the summer the park looked the worst it ever had with dandelions since the grass was planted.
- g. **Zane Murnan:** Zane read from the Villagers Voice "Recently, in the June 14, 2022 Town Council Meeting when an out-of-town power hookup was requested by Allen Erickson at his quonset shed, Tyson DeWolf responded beautifully: "As the ordinance reads right now, its not allowed to provide power outside town." Gary: "Can you show me that?"... Tyson: "3-2-5". Gary: ..."and you interpret that as nothing outside our service territory?" Tyson: "Yes, that's what it's there for. Personally, I'd go with the ordinance, that's what it's there for." Channing: "for right now, the ordinance says no, so I say no." Tyson: "The issue is: we were elected by Meadow Town, so outside of Meadow Town is not our jurisdiction; we're responsible for Meadow Town. So if we allow any utilities outside of Meadow Town, it could affect people inside town. Our responsibility is to people in town, not outside town." Channing: "That makes sense to me." (Full discussion, June 14, 2022 audio recording minutes 3:40-16:50" Min from meeting June 14 2022

5. 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. **Ryan Mundy- Request for electric service outside of town:** Ryan said to get everyone up to speed in 1993 about one acre of his dad's property was annexed into town. In 2006, Meadow town ran a water line across his property and for this gave him a residential tap right. A residential tap right is to build a home. Ryan is asking the town of Meadow to be consistent with that decision and give him power to property out of town. It was brought up last meeting about potential lawsuits and Ryan said every situation is different and needs to be looked at independently. He stated that he does have a very experienced, successful lawyer, his name is Marcus Taylor who says this is not a legal decision, this is a political decision. Dixie Power supports Ryan in the decision as it is the most logical decision with the power lines that are right there and is the safest decision. He ended by stating that the tap right was given to build a house, and that is what Ryan wants to do, build a house. He is asking for the power to do that and the most logical decision is to grant power that is right there. Ryan said there is precedence and consistency, precedence changes with each council that comes in and out, but we try to be consistent in our decisions.

6. Accounting Reports

- a. **Review and approve payments:** Monica went over the current claims with the council. Justin motioned to approve the payments including the Enbridge and Frontier billing as it comes in. Jim 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 has no new business. The leak on Center street is fixed, they are just letting it settle.
- 8. **Electrical Department:** Sunny has no new business. Channing mentioned that he has observed some of the wires hanging between poles seem low, especially across the street from the post office. Jim reached out to Dixie Power and got the holiday lights on the tree at the park fixed.
- 9. **Road Department:** Justin reported that he did some plow driver training recently with Camille. The plow truck had to be jump started. He will get some battery tenders coming to help avoid that problem. He has reached out to three companies to get bids for crack sealing, but only one has replied. The council talked about needing some asphalt on Center street where the water line was repaired, that will come out of the water department's budget. Mayor Bishop mentioned that there is a section in front of town hall that could use some asphalt patch when Center street is done.
- 10. **Parks and Cemetery:** Jim reported that there were six burials at the cemetery in 2025. He will make sure that they get a jump on the dandelions at the park in the early spring and try to keep on top of them. It was noted that it is a constant

battle and mentioned that if neighbors kept up on theirs, it would make it less of a problem at the park.

11. Fire Department: No business

12. Planning and Zoning: Planning and zoning would like to hold on to the proposed sub-division ordinance and do a little work. They will possibly be ready to discuss that in January.

13. Administrative

a. **Discussion and possible approval of Subdivision Ordinance:** As per Planning and Zoning, the council will hold off on this discussion.

b. **Schedule swearing in of elected officials:** There will be three officials that need to be sworn in. It was discussed and decided that this will take place on Monday January 5th, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the Meadow Fire station.

14. Other business:

a. Mayor Bishop and the council held a discussion about the request to offer mobile veterinary services in Meadow. There are two issues on the table; first, the request for a business license and second, allowing a commercial bus to plug into town power. The permit would be allowed and the application can be obtained from the town clerk, Monica. The power issue is not as simple. The fire station was mentioned as a possibility, that isn't up to the council to say yes or no, that would need to go through the fire chief Jim Giles. The park was also mentioned and that would be under the jurisdiction of the town council. It was mentioned that maybe at a gas station or somewhere in the commercial zone could be worked out. The council will support a business license as an easy yes, but not parking on town property or use of electricity.

b. The council discussed Ryan Mundy's out of town power request. Sunny reached out to Dixie Power and they sent an overview. In talking to Dixie Power, they indicated that town power is the easiest option, but they also indicated that Fillmore has done away with approving out of city hook ups unless annexed and that they had had issues. They also indicated Kanosh also had a legal water issue, but that in the end this is a decision for Meadow Town. Mayor Bishop doesn't feel that the council should feel pressured to go either way even though the town may have been threatened with legal action tonight. There is a current water tap installed because of the water line that went across Dusty Mundy's property. It seems that property is now being sold. Sunny has declared a conflict of interest, but would feel more comfortable if the town consulted our attorney. Channing said he would say no, but because there is already water, he says yes. Mayor Bishop clarified that the town did not grant Ryan Mundy water, but that the property he purchased came with water. Justin said that the "minutes fairy" dropped some minutes off on his porch from Aug 21, 2018 which included a statement that Richard Chamberlain strongly encouraged not taking power or water outside town limits. Justin said he knows that Richard Chamberlain is no longer our attorney, but this is a similar situation, and Justin feels we should consult our current

attorney. Jim would also like to consult with our attorney. It was stated that Dixie Power doesn't represent Meadow Town. Mayor Bishop questioned if the council is saying no, or are we consulting with our attorney and minds may be changed? The council would like to hear what our current attorney has to say. Mayor Bishop will reach out.

- c. Mayor Bishop took the opportunity to say thank you to Channing Stott for eight years of service. Thank you. Thank you for raising your hand and saying I want to run for office, I want to serve Meadow Town. Thank you for the time you have invested. Mayor Bishop has seen Channing in the cold and the mud and the muck and in the heat to do what he can to help Meadow Town be successful. He has seen Channing take verbal abuse for his decisions and sacrificing his time and being away from his family. Thank you from Meadow town and all of us. Channing said his time has been eye opening, in good ways, in bad ways, in all ways. He stated he has enjoyed it, it isn't as bad as people say. There has been a lot of crap, but that comes with the job and you have to be prepared for it. He has enjoyed working with the various councilmembers and clerks and getting to know them and can honestly say that every person that he has served with truly does care about Meadow Town and hasn't been here for their own agenda, which is admirable. He also expressed adoration for town employees and gratitude for the time he has served.

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 was held.

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

**Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk**