

**Meadow Town Council Meeting
February 16, 2026
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.**

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

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Robert Beckstrand, Councilmember Justin Jensen, Councilmember Jim Beckstrand, Treasurer Haley Abplanalp, Clerk Monica Dearden, Lloyd Robison, Zane Murnan, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Andee Holdaway, Ed Zmitravich, Ranae Williams, Tammy Beckstrand, Patrick Bennett
Excused: Councilmember Sunny Guild

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** Mayor Bishop welcomed those in attendance and excused Councilmember Sunny Guild. The pledge of allegiance was said and a prayer was offered by Robert.
2. **Review of minutes: January 19, 2026:** Robert motioned to approve the edited minutes of the 01/19/2026 town council meeting. Justin seconded. All were in favor.
3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:** No conflicts declared
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 stated that the last time there were any upgrades done to the electric system was when Dustan was a council member probably eight years ago. There are still some original poles from when the electric system was put into Meadow which will be 100 years ago this year. Many of the poles are 70 years old. The substation was put in 60 years ago and the timbers are sagging. If Meadow has any of the weather that they have had back East and the timbers fail. The substation is a 2-1 transformer that changes the voltage from what Dixie uses to what our system uses, they are not common parts that are stocked on shelves and it wouldn't be a quick fix. Years ago we were replacing 10-12 poles a year, but that's not been happening. Meadow needs to be aggressive in taking care of infrastructure and to upgrade the electric system is critical. If there is no electricity, there is also no water. Electricity is a high priority. If we wait until an issue arises, we will more than likely be paying Dixie Power time and a half instead of the regular hourly rate we'd pay if we got ahead of a possible problem.
 - b. **Tony Cowley:** Tony asked Monica if a check had been sent for cloud seeding. Monica said no, she hadn't received a bill.
 - c. **Mark Cowley:** Mark stated that the Planning & Zoning appeals group has had a vacancy for four years and wondered if there was a plan to appoint

8. **Electrical Department:** Mayor Bishop had been in contact with Sunny. She is working to get a street light repaired on 100 South. They have visited about a plan to replace poles.
9. **Road Department:** Justin has purchased a culvert to go under the road at the Y by the service station. He was able to work out an agreement with the State Road that if Meadow supplied the parts needed, they would take care of the labor and installation. He also reported that the bid for crack sealing was for 6 tons and they were able to complete the work using only 4.5 tons, which will be a savings. He also asked the State Road if while they are patching the culvert repair spot if they would maybe do the spot on Center street too.
10. **Parks and Cemetery:** Jim is planning to remove the wild roses at the park and replace them with sod as they are a danger for children. Council members asked about needing volunteers. Jim said it would probably be a Jim and Tammy project as they have nothing to do. He plans to do some cleaning up at the park and also look at sprucing some things up. He has purchased a 250 year commemorative Betsy Ross flag that will be displayed at the park throughout the month of July and possibly longer depending on the winds. Jim reported that he plans to spend some money at the Cemetery. He plans to add some kind of signage and shared with the council members some options to look at and think about, these options range from \$4000-\$16,000. One thing to think about is sprinklers hitting the signage and leaving hard water markings. This will be a future agenda topic to discuss.
11. **Fire Department:** Mayor Bishop shared that the state legislature has passed house bill 48 which is a wildland urban interface bill. Mayor Bishop has talked with Fire Chief Giles and Jess Peterson at R6. There will be more about this in the future and may possibly involve an ordinance.
12. **Planning and Zoning:** Justin will follow up with Planning & Zoning about the subdivision ordinance and a possible public hearing. Jim wondered where the Planning and Zoning commission is at on an ordinance for AirBnB's. Mayor Bishop reported that ordinance was put on the back burner while they complete the subdivision ordinance.
13. **Administrative**
 - a. **Millard Fillmore Library:** Each council member received a copy of the letter from the President Millard Fillmore Library asking for an annual donation from Meadow Town. The amount donated in years past has been either \$240 or \$300. Justin noted that every time he has been to the library he sees patrons from Meadow there and that it is a worthwhile donation. Justin motioned to match the \$300 donation from 2025. Jim seconded. All were in favor.
 - b. Mayor Bishop mentioned that council members had a proposed Rate and Fee schedule that Monica has worked up for the council to look over. This will require a public hearing. If the council has any input or changes, let Monica know. Justin asked about building permit fees not being on the schedule. Mayor Bishop indicated that we do not charge a fee for building permits, but pass on any charges that we are billed to the customer.

- c. It was noted and discussed that some council members have received a letter from Jill Averett. She would like to do another beautification project. Her proposal is a space around the flag at the park for flowers and a sign or plaque about the USA armed forces and those who have served. She would like this completed by the fourth of July 2026. She plans to have a yard sale at the park in June to raise funds. This will be discussed at a future meeting. Jim will reach out to Jill for more information and to coordinate.
- 14. Other business:** None
- 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:** Justin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk