

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

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

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Robert Beckstrand, Councilmember Justin Jensen, Councilmember Jim Beckstrand, Councilmember Sunny Guild, Treasurer Haley Abplanalp, Clerk Monica Dearden, Lloyd Robison, Zane Murnan, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Andee Holdaway, Ed Zmitravich, Steve O’Camb, Sherri Callister, Kevin Morris, Jill Averett, Lynn Bond, Dustan Starley, Paisley Starley, Jim Giles, Kambree Giles, Jess Peterson, Camille Jensen, Allen Erickson, KenaDee Abplanalp

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** Mayor Bishop welcomed those in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was said and a prayer was offered by Gary Bishop.
2. **Review of minutes: February 16, 2026:** Justin motioned to approve the amended minutes of the 02/16/2026 town council meeting. Jim 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. **Kevin Morris:** Kevin introduced himself and shared that he is running for county commission seat A and is from Hinkley. Kevin shared a bit of background information; he moved to college and began working up north, he realized he missed home and didn’t necessarily like living in the city and has been in Millard County ever since. He recently retired and worked for Millard County in various positions for 45.5 years, some of those include; golf course, recreation, maintaining all the county buildings on the west side of the county and his final years were spent in tourism. He isn’t a fan of the east side/west side rivalry and knows that sometimes areas feel less represented. He went on to say, we are all one county and should work to make the whole county the best it can be. He knows there is growth coming and he would like those taxes to work for the residents. He mentioned that IPP is 40 years old and much infrastructure needs work. He loves Millard County and thanked Meadow for the opportunity to take a few minutes of the council meeting. He is open to talk if people want to stay after or call him. He would like to be a resource for you.
 - b. **Steve O’Camb:** Steve introduced himself. Steve grew up in Fillmore, graduated from MHS and worked for the Millard County Sheriff’s office for 6 years and then moved north to continue his career. He worked for the West Valley Police Department and while there he was awarded detective of the year and supervisor of the year. He worked in hard areas and saw

all the things. He retired and went back to school at UVU. He then began to work for the state of Utah on cold cases and has worked with all the sheriff's offices in the state of Utah. He had to quit that in order to run for Millard County Sheriff. He grew up on the East side and now lives on the West side, so he is a both sider. He has worked online, written grants for 4.5 million dollars. He referred folks to his Facebook page and let everyone know he is open for visits in person.

- c. **Mark Cowley:** Mark reminds everyone of Zane's comments last month about 3-2-5 and that in the December minutes it was approved as title 8. He stated that the Mayor and the council should know the difference in ordinance chapters if they were paying attention. Mark says that "you guys don't have all the answers, you don't know everything". He would like the town council to make a motion to allow the public to enter into discussions and feels that if the public was allowed to enter discussions it would help. He feels that many of the people in attendance have been in the positions that you are now and others in the public know the history of Meadow. He stated the council doesn't work for the Mayor and they can bring this up and vote on it. He went on to say that Gary stated in a monthly letter that Meadow is a wonderful place to live, well a lot of the people that have lived here longer than you and have been alive have made it a nice place to live and our parents and grandparents and even our great grandparents and he feels like they deserve the right to be heard in these meetings. Mark feels the three minute time limit has caused discord and hatred. It's not good. It might be good for bringing up new subjects, but not for community discussions. 'We are not your subjects, you work for us!'
 - d. **Tony Cowley:** Tony referred to Lloyds comments about poles and very important infrastructure last month and also Jim and Tammy's proposed very nice projects, which are nice projects, but are fluff that we can live without, but we can't live without basic infrastructure. He went on to say the fluff projects were mentioned in the "fake newsletter", but infrastructure projects were not. Told to sit and shut up and can't be heard during a meeting, that has caused a lot of damage over the last four years. Good managers listen to their people. A closed mind is a dead end and that's what we feel like we've run into.
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. **Paisley Starley & Kambree Giles- Sponsorship request for school trip to Washington D.C.:** Paisley and Kambree introduced themselves. Paisley is the daughter of Dustan and Alishia Starley. Kambree is the daughter of Jim and Kym Giles. They shared that they have the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. with the MHS FFA the second week in June. This is an educational and maybe a once in a lifetime trip. They are asking if Meadow Town would be willing to sponsor some of the cost of the trip. Meadow council members discussed this and told the girls that

when they sponsor, they ask that the sponsored students come back and report to the council members about the trip. Jim made a motion to sponsor each of the girls for \$350. Robert seconded. All were in favor.

- b. Jill Averett- Possible project in Meadow Town:** Jill shared a proposal handout with the council members. She is asking for approval for a project around the flagpole at the park with a plaque to honor and give thanks to those who have served. Jill will work with Jim and Jordan to plan and make sure the design is mower friendly. Her ask is for approval to possibly change the base around the flagpole and also for a town park sale to raise funds for the project. Mayor Bishop referred the ask to Jim, as the park is his wheelhouse. Jim feels that this is a worthwhile project. Jim shared that there is a stipend available from the Utah 250 in the amount of \$1500 that could possibly be used for this project. Jill estimates that the stipend would cover the cost of the plaque. The council and those in attendance think this could be a great project and expressed appreciation to Jill for the Meadow Monument projects and her attempts to better Meadow. Justin made a motion to approve the project, the park sale and potentially use the grant money pending the approval of resolution 2026-2 later in the meeting. Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- 6. Accounting Reports:** Monica went over the current claims with the council. Justin motioned to approve the claims including UAMPS, Frontier and Enbridge as they come in. Sunny seconded. All in favor.
- 7. Water Department:** Robert reported that he and Andrew have been visiting about the water situation and what the year could possibly bring the town and looking into some ideas. They would like to be proactive as they foresee some possible trials ahead. Mayor Bishop will add to his letter to be careful with water usage. It was mentioned that Glayde Edwards has some information that he would like to share with Robert.
- 8. Electrical Department:** Councilmembers have been invited to a UAMPS meeting in Holden later this week about a natural gas option. Justin drove past the substation in a windstorm and noticed some swaying. Sunny and Mayor Bishop have been out to look at the substation also and have also talked with Dixie Power. It was noted that the substation poles have been tested recently. Sunny shared that there are plans to replace six poles in April. There will be a planned outage for maintenance on a Tuesday or Wednesday in early April. Dixie is estimating about six hours. Monica will work to get the word out to the community so they can be prepared.

 - a. Resolution appointing Gene Larsen as UAMPS Advisor for Meadow:** There is a proposed resolution replacing Eric Larsen as Meadow's UAMPS advisor with Gene Larsen. Sunny made a motion to approve the resolution. Robert seconded. All were in favor. A roll call vote was held. Jim Beckstrand- Yay, Robert Beckstrand- Yay, Sunny Guild- Yay, Justin Jensen- Yay.
- 9. Road Department:** Justin reported that the crack sealing has been done and the roads are in great shape. Justin thinks that we are done with the plows for the

season and will be put away in time for maintenance to be done on the tractor and the mower.

10. Parks and Cemetery: Jim reported that there will be a burial at the end of April, it will be a cremation coming from Nebraska. He reports no news for the park. Mayor Bishop noted that being proactive with the tree trimming this past year has resulted in no outages that he is aware of and less messes after windstorms.

11. Fire Department: Mayor Bishop reported that Chief Giles has a few new department members. He is working on budget numbers for the upcoming budget meetings.

12. Planning and Zoning: Planning & Zoning has a draft of the proposed subdivision ordinance ready for the council to review. A public hearing will need to be scheduled, possibly in April, to get input from the public.

13. Administrative

a. Utah250 Community Member Resolution: The council reviewed the Utah250 Community ordinance. The first step after this is approved will be a community specific logo. Jim motioned to accept the resolution 2026-2. Robert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. A roll call vote was held. Jim Beckstrand- Yay, Robert Beckstrand- Yay, Sunny Guild- Yay, Justin Jensen– Yay.

b. Jess Peterson to present on;

i. Regional Growth Summit: Jess invited the council members to the R6 regional growth summit in May and shared flyers.

ii. CIB, application process has changed: Jess shared that the CIB application process has changed. It will now be done through a portal that will be open once a year and then closes. You can put a project on the list, just in case, this does not mean you are committed to the project, but just makes you eligible and is a simple process.

iii. Wildland Urban Interface (WUI): Jess reported that Meadow has the easiest WUI map in Millard County. This agreement means that if a fire in Meadow spreads to say BLM land, it prevents Meadow for being liable for the fire. There is no areas in Meadow that the recommendations would fall under, which makes it easy. Mayor Bishop added that this is not a choice and that Justin Wayment, Meadow's legal counsel, says sign it. This will be discussed at a later meeting, Jess just wanted to make sure Meadow was aware.

iv. Utah Geospatial Resource Center (UGRC), they're creating interactive zoning maps for municipalities: Monica believes that she has been contacted about this, if not, she will get the information to Jess.

c. OPMA (Open & Public Meetings Act) annual training: Gary Bishop, Sunny Guild, Justin Jensen, Jim Beckstrand, Robert Beckstrand, Monica Dearden & Haley Abplanalp participated in the yearly required OPMA training.

14. Other business: Mayor Bishop will look at days and reach out to council members to schedule the first budget work meeting for the 2027 budget.

- 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:** Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting. Justin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk**