

Meadow Town Council Meeting
April 20, 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, Councilmember Sunny Guild, Clerk Monica Dearden, Lloyd Robison, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Lynn Bond, Tammy Beckstrand, Andrew Flake, Matt Clement, Ranae Williams, Sean Kelly, Camille Jensen
Excused: Treasurer Haley Abplanalp

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** Opening ceremonies were held in the public hearing just prior to this meeting.
2. **Review of minutes: March 16, 2025 Town Council meeting:** Robert motioned to approve the minutes of the 03/16/2026 town council meeting. Sunny seconded. All were in favor. **April 9, 2026 Budget work meeting:** Sunny motioned to approve the minutes of the 04/09/2026 budget work 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 referred to the minutes that were just approved for the March meeting and stated that in section 8, electrical, it says “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.” He talked to Brandon Cummings on April 6th, and he said those poles have not been tested. Lloyd can see with his expertise on power and power systems that they have not been tested. He asked if they had been tested? Mayor Bishop said the minutes are accurate as to what was said in the meeting and that he and Sunny had met with Brandon from Dixie Power and others and were told that they had been tested. That said, Mayor Bishop is unsure they have been tested and has put in a second request to test the poles. Mayor Bishop stated that he agrees with Lloyd and doesn't feel they have in fact been tested and a request is in and they will be being tested.
 - b. **Tony Cowley:** Tony stated on a separate occasion as he was riding his bike he saw the crew and stopped and asked them the same question, they said no none of these poles have been tested. Tony asked what about the poles they were replacing, how do they know that they should be replaced? They said we don't, these were just some we agreed should

be traded out and that the substation has not been tested. He said he told them when he was riding his bike by in a furious wind and that whole station was rocking and they said yes, we know and there are some concerns, but we can't go in there with out permission and if we do test and find out that they are bad, it's mandatory that we replace them. That's what they said. He questioned Mayor Bishop who he had talked to when he talked with Dixie Power, who told you they had been tested? Mayor Bishop replied that he wasn't going to interrupt Tony. Tony said, "yea, you aren't going to answer the question as always, I know. The only three minutes we have all month to discuss town problems, that's where a lot of the contentions are coming from. Ok. So you won't verify it. The poles have not been tested. You can look around and you can see there's absolutely no evidence in the ground where they would have dug. They have not been tested. I'm finished."

5. Accounting Reports

- a. Approve payments including UAMPS when received:** Monica went over the current claims with the council. She noted that the fire Enbridge bill has been received, but the town has not. Jim motioned to pay the bills, including UAMPS and the second Enbridge billing when they are received. Sunny seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- 6. Water Department:** Robert reported that the incoming water is looking a bit better for now and is flowing more than it was three weeks ago. Andrew shared that on a cooler day there is more water in the tanks and warm windy days are less. They reported that the well is being needed occasionally which is not normal for this time of year. Robert said that the community should be aware of usage and that red condition billing will come this year. Mayor Bishop will encourage water conservation in his monthly letter. Jim wondered if he needed to ask Jordan to cut back on usage at the park and cemetery. A discussion was held and this will probably need to happen later in the season. Jim asked to be kept in the loop as he would like to take a proactive approach.

- 7. Electrical Department:** Sunny reported that the planned outage was communicated to residents effectively and went well. She also said that some poles on 100 North are planned to be replaced, but the dates are unknown. This street was chosen to focus on before her time.

- a. UAMPS pooling agreement resolution:** The council was given an updated pooling agreement from UAMPS. This will replace the agreement from 1980. This has been looked over by legal counsel and he encouraged approving. Jim motioned to approve the resolution. Sunny seconded. A roll call vote was held-

- Robert Beckstrand- YAY
- Sunny Guild- YAY
- Jim Beckstrand- YAY
- Justin Jensen- YAY
- Gary Bishop- YAY

- 8. Road Department:** Justin said that street mowing would start soon and Camille has asked to try and get the word out to move vehicles and such from the verge.

He reported that UDOT has the culvert in and will patch the asphalt and possibly the spot on center street also. He feels this has been a good partnership and they have been great to work with.

9. **Parks and Cemetery:** Jim shared that Jordan has been going full bore with maintenance at both the park and the cemetery. He will be spraying the dandelions at the park and has removed the wild roses and lilacs and will put sod in that spot.
10. **Fire Department:** Nothing
11. **Planning and Zoning:** No meeting was held in April. The current commission consists of Sean Kelly as chairman, Andrew Flake, Rex Williams, James Wilcox and Ralph Maxfield. Sean said that they appreciated the comments from the public hearing.
12. **Administrative**
 - a. **Review & possibly approve of Subdivision Ordinance:** Mayor Bishop had some notes and thoughts that were shared. He will share his copy with notes with Sean and Andrew to take back to Planning & Zoning. A suggestion was to not include the checklists in the body of the ordinance.
 - b. **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Ordinance discussion:** Mayor Bishop reported that the fire chief, county attorney, R6 and others have looked over this. Meadow Town has no areas that are impacted. Mayor Bishop proposes that we sign it and move forward. Justin has some questions and would like more information. Mayor Bishop will ask the county fire warden if he could come to the May meeting to answer some of those.
13. **Other business:** Dates were considered for a budget work meeting. The best option seems to be right before the May meeting on the 18th at 6:00 pm.
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:** Sunny motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robert and Jim simultaneously seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk