

Meadow Town Council Meeting
June 15, 2026
Meadow Firehouse
6:32 p.m.

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

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Sunny Guild, Councilmember Robert Beckstrand, Councilmember Jim Beckstrand, Councilmember Justin Jensen, Clerk Monica Dearden, Treasurer Haley Abplanalp, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Lloyd Robison, Lynn Bond, Ed Zmitravich, Andee Holdaway, Zane Murnan, Greg Prows, Liz Stott, Allen Erickson, Patrick Bennett, Lindsey Mitchell

- 1. Opening Ceremonies:** Opening ceremonies were held in the public hearings just prior to this meeting.
- 2. Review of minutes: May 18, 2026** Jim motioned to approve the minutes of the budget work meeting and town council meeting both held on 05/18/2026. Robert 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. Lynn Bond commented on the project at the cemetery, there are a lot of things that need done before that sign goes in. Lynn was going to put a sign that said how long flowers and things can stay. There is junk on the streets and limbs hanging over, dogs and trash trailers, cheatgrass and foxtails. He feels there are things more important and the town should start there.
 - b. Allen Erickson said he was in Sutherland and they had a big dumpster with lawn chairs and things in it. He sees at the dump there is a new sign that says anything not household needs to go elsewhere. Can't the town rent a big dumpster. He wouldn't mind paying a few extra bucks on his bill.
 - c. Liz Stott wonders about a spring clean up. Could that be something that happens each year or twice a year?
 - d. Tony Cowley feels that instead of WUI the town needs to take care of their own property and fire hazards. The lot next to Gary's hasn't been mowed, this lot out here needs mowed. Justin noted that it was mowed in April and will be mowed again.
- 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. **Haley Abplanalp 24th of July Celebration sponsorship:** Haley has been asked to head up the community Pioneer Day celebration. She is hoping the town will be willing to donate as they have in the past. Last year Meadow Town gave a one time \$1,500 donation and also approved \$500 from UAMPS and also \$500 from Millard County tourism to be reimbursed from receipts. Jim motioned to continue the same donation of \$1,500 as last year along with any pass throughs that we receive. Robert seconds the motion. All are in favor. Haley is thankful and hopes for a good turnout from the community.
- b. **Lloyd Robison to discuss power poles:** Lloyd asks if the council and those in attendance will follow him out to look at the poles that have been taken down and the one that tipped over on Joan Stott's corner and are outside on the lot. "I thought they were bad, they are even worse." This should be a number one priority, because if a pole tips over and you know about it, it causes a surge of power and burns a house, if you are aware and don't take action, you are liable. (meeting moves out past the parking area) This is the pole taken out still standing on first north. This is the one that was taken out on Joan Stott's corner and fell. He pointed out another that was taken out, and stated there is nothing left, you can see what was above ground, the wind comes and it tips over. Zane asks if Lloyd knows what year they were put in. Lloyd does not. Justin wonders how many are in town that are older than these? Lloyds thinks 100 are this old or older. Lloyd talks about the poles on the road to the cemetery that are being changed out by Dixie Power, those poles are at least 30 years newer than anything we have in town that hasn't been replaced in the last ten years. He points at rot on poles. He's not saying they are all bad, but they will be bad and his concern is Jim's project is \$25,000, that's ten poles, what's more important poles that blow over and might cause damage or a sign on the cemetery? Look at what we are dealing with, they look fine above ground, but underneath the ground. (meeting returns indoors) Lloyd asks Sunny; when UAMPS was here and we signed up for \$750 a month for the opportunity to be part of a gas project. Why didn't we sign up for the peaker project to be part of it, we are the only ones that didn't sign up. She stated that she didn't know. Next question, UAMPS said they are part of geothermal project for 50kw, when did that happen. Sunny said we are in the study and haven't paid anything, but the peaker plant is on the agenda tonight. Next, Meadow signed an agreement which said if we didn't use our amount from IPP, California would take it. IPP sold that power to another entity in Cali and they sold it for this amount and the refund is the difference. When Jackie was here said 1/2 CRSP 1/2 from Hunter we are down 100 KW, things are not being pumped that's the difference. We have a contract and we pay regardless if we are using the power. Where is the refund from UAMPS? The power is being sold to someone else. Where is the money? Justin wonders when this contract was signed? Maybe we could find a copy of it? Gary commented that the pole near the corner on center and main, did not fall over, but was replaced.

6. **Accounting Reports:** Monica went over the current claims with the council. Sunny motioned to pay the bills, including UAMPS, both Frontier and both Enbridge and Dixie Power when they are received. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor
7. **Water Department:** Robert shared that Tony had talked to him about noticing a drop in pressure down 15 lbs. Robert will work with Andrew to try to see why this happened. Zane asked why the town decided to go from green to red and skip the yellow category. Robert said they could see by the way things had gone that was where they needed to be. Justin asked what the springs are putting out now? The last time Andrew and Robert had talked it was about 100 gallons and the well is running full time. Lynn commented that the well is on automatic and the pressure would go down as the tanks got low.
8. **Electrical Department:** Sunny reported that some of the trees need trimmed and will be reaching out to Penney's and asked that if you see any needs to please let her know as keeping up is a team effort. Sunny reported that they had replaced eight poles this year and she would like to do more in the future. Mayor Bishop thanked Sunny for the poles that have been replaced and suggested selling the old electric poles that are in the firehouse yard by advertising and accepting sealed bids. Looking at the year end budget, the IPP/UAMPS refund line is up this year and we may want to look into refunds and see where those came from. Mayor Bishop noted that when Jackie from UAMPS was here she said we buy power from four places in these amounts; 34% Hunter, 34% CRSP, 5% open market and 20% pool. The discussion moved onto the Millard County peaker project. We paid \$750 to buy into studies. Meadow Town reached out to our legal with the agreement that is on the agenda. He said it is a standard boiler plate agreement, if you are in, you are in, to get out, you'd have to have someone buy you out. Justin noted that we are buying 100KW, why don't we buy 200KW? Sunny thought that only 100KW was offered to us, but she can ask. As she has discussed this with Gene, our UAMPS rep, he says that the peaker plant is our insurance so if another Hunter situation happens, it will help if there is a catastrophic situation we won't be without power.
 - a. **UAMPS buy into Millard County project- Discuss and possibly approve Resolution 2026-03:** After the above discussion, Jim motioned to approve the Resolution 2026-03 to buy into the peaker plant. Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor.
9. **Road Department:** Justin reported that they have been working on quite a bit of maintenance on the mower deck for the streets, including hardware, blades and rock catcher. Camille will be mowing this week. The state road has agreed to help with some of the roads that need patched, those have not been forgotten about.
10. **Parks and Cemetery:** Jim reported that there is a plan to take out a tree next to the sidewalk on the corner of the park by Bill's electric as it is three-fourths dead.
11. **Fire Department:** No business
12. **Planning and Zoning:** No business
13. **Administrative**

- a. **Certify Tax Rate:** Meadow proposes to certify the tax rate at the rate it has been at .000248% with no changes. Justin asks what it would take to drop or lower the tax rate? Jim motions to certify the rate. Sunny seconds. All are in favor.
- b. **Discuss and possibly approve WUI Ordinance 2026-02:** Jim feels like there are still questions to be answered. Mayor Bishop shared some input and agreed with Greg that we can not only look at the footprint of Meadow today in making this decision, things are always changing. Mayor Bishop agrees with others that this map from the state isn't a good map. He also suggests changing the three copies of the International WUI code to one copy available to the public. He feels this protects Meadow Town from possible expenses if a fire leaves, say maybe our cemetery or some part of town, that the state will cover the expense. Justin admits that he's been on the fence from day one and feels that it infringes on rights, he talked to Jim Giles and swung the other way, and now is back to being unsure. At this time, there are no residents in the WUI area and it should not affect taxes and insurance rates. Greg noted that HB 48 has nothing to do with WUI, they are separate. Mayor Bishop feels that HB 48 is a bad idea and was a bad process. Jim asked what happens if we don't adopt this? Mayor Bishop replies we are on our own, we own it and we pay for it. Sunny refers to a fire that recently started in town that could have quickly gotten out of control. Justin notes that the cost of a fire, if we are on our own, could bankrupt a town. It was also discussed that not adopting this will affect our local fire department and their ability to get paid for any unincorporated fires they are required to go on. Jim Beckstrand feels like this is an insurance policy for the town and isn't opposed to putting his name on this. Sunny says she is not an expert on this, but she trusts the locals who are and work with fire. Robert worries about the liability and possibility of bankruptcy for the town. Jim motioned to adopt the ordinance with the amendment of three copies to one copy on page one. Sunny seconded. A roll call vote was held:

Jim Beckstrand- Yay
Robert Beckstrand- Yay
Sunny Guild- Yay
Justin Jensen- Nay
Mayor Gary Bishop- Yay

With a vote of four yays to one nay the motion passes.

- c. **Review and possible acceptance of the 2027 budget:** Justin motions to accept the proposed budget as discussed in the prior public meeting. Robert seconds the motion. All are in favor.
- d. **Discuss and possibly approve Meadow Town Fee Schedule Resolution 2026-04:** Jim motion to approve the proposed Rate and Fee Schedule. Justin seconded. All were in favor. A roll call vote was held:
- Jim Beckstrand- Yay

Robert Beckstrand- Yay
Sunny Guild- Yay
Justin Jensen- Yay

14. Other business:

- a. Mayor Bishop reported that he talked for over an hour to Bill Wright about the garbage transfer stations and Commissioner Wright is aware that Mayor Bishop and the town are not happy with the management and how things are functioning. He did say they could offer a roll off dumpster to be placed for the community to use for a limited time frame. There was discussion about the logistics of this and that some planning and discussion would need to happen. The council members all liked the idea.
- b. Mayor Bishop and Sheriff Jacobsen have been in contact about the rate of speed on 200 E coming off the frontage road. They will place a speed tracker and deputies will be patrolling there also.
- c. Patrick Bennett with the Millard County Sheriff's department and Lindsey Mitchell the Millard County EMS director came to represent the EMT program. In 2021 there was a bill that municipalities contract for EMS services. This tied to Senate bill 215 which ties to the EMS relicensure. This can be an RFP with the town or the county is willing to do this and make the selection for all municipalities. There would be no service changes and at no cost to Meadow Town. Other rural counties have done this and it streamlines the process to keep the services we have. There was no opposition from council members to this. Lindsey will get the letter to Meadow Town to look at and get back to her. Mayor Bishop thanked them for the services that they provide and their willingness to attend the Meadow council meeting.

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. Sunny seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk**