

Meadow Town Council Meeting
August 17, 2026
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Jim Beckstrand, Councilmember Sunny Guild, Councilmember Robert Beckstrand, Councilmember Justin Jensen, Clerk Monica Dearden, Treasurer Haley Abplanalp, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Lloyd Robison, Liz Stott, Leo Stott, Lynn Bond, Kelly Bennett, Dusty Mundy, Diane Mundy, Tammy Beckstrand, Kevin Morris, Ron Burns, Ray Stewart, Kaye Stewart, Aironn Bishop, Austin Colley, Greg Prows, Allen Erickson, JD Freeman, Andrew Flake, KennaDee Abplanalp

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was said by Gary.
2. **Review of minutes: Town Council meeting from 07/20/2026 and Emergency meeting held on 08/07/2026:** The council reviewed the minutes. Jim motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Robert seconded. All were in favor.
3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:** Sunny declared a conflict with the Ryan Mundy electric connection discussion.
4. **Public comments: Issues and/or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public. (Limited to three minutes per person.)**
 - a. Kevin Morris complimented Mayor Bishop on his participation at the fire meetings, he is participating and asking good questions. He has represented Meadow well and is working to plan for what may come next.
 - b. Mark Cowley noted that on the agenda tonight is a discussion about emergency generators and wanted to bring up the fact that he mentioned that in the budget meeting and there wasn't one comment or any discussion, but now all the sudden there is an emergency. It's nice that we can help each other out, but he hears all this talk about heroes, but these heroes are jumping up and doing things at the last minute that should have been done months or years ago. I wonder how many of us are prepared for any kind of emergency? Do you have any food on your shelf, a way to heat your house in the winter time, gas in your car? He thinks part of leadership is looking forward to things that can happen or haven't happened yet, or have happened in the past but can happen overnight.
 - c. Tony Cowley said there is a correction to the minutes about the conduit and power boxes that were mysteriously appearing on main street and it says "He questions if anyone knew what OPMA was as there had been no approval", but specifically what he said was " wasn't this a violation of

Open Public Meetings Act". He specifies that OPMA should be spelled out because people don't know what the acronyms are.

- d. Ron Burn noted that as the local Bishop, Mayor Bishop and others are making a list of elderly and folks in the community that may need assistance and checked on and that this should be a community effort.
 - e. Leo Stott wanted to publicly make note of all the sacrifice and hard work that the townspeople have made with this crisis we've had, it's surprising how many people turn out and try to help out and help out their neighbor. He wants to note that there has been so much effort put in by clerks, the mayor, council members and so many others, so much hard work. A lot of time and effort, a lot of anxiety has gone throughout the community and seeing the leadership that we've had has put my mind at ease and knowing we've been taken care of and the willingness to do what needed done.
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 utility connection, represented by his brother Kelly Bennett.** Kelly said that Ryan asked him to come and report on how the proposal he submitted went. Mayor Bishop said he and the council received an electronic proposal on July 20th. Ryan Mundy wants an electric connection to property outside of town. In the proposal, Ryan stated that he had a water connection and he wants power there, it makes sense. Mayor Bishop clarified that the water connection was not issued to Ryan, it was issued to Dusty Mundy and then the property was sold with the water connection. Second, he mentioned annexing into town. Kelly questioned what kind of water connection was there, animal or residential. Mayor Bishop clarifies it is a Meadow Town tap right that was given in trade for an easement through property years ago and was exercised by Dusty and Diane. In order to have a vote it needs to be on the agenda for the public to be aware. (Monica will attach the proposal to these minutes). This council has rendered a decision in the past. Ryan can apply for annexation if he would like. Jim stated that we have already talked about this months ago and the council said no to Ryan's first choice option of having power taken outside of town, and Jim isn't sure why we need to look at that again. He stated that Ryan has the right to look into annexation if he would like and the ball is in his court if he would like to pursue annexation. Mayor Bishop noted that Ryan could also go off grid, have Dixie deliver power or other things. Robert noted that our attorney has advised Ryan to look at other options besides the town supplying power outside its limits.
6. **Accounting Reports:** Monica went over the current claims with the council. Jim motions to pay the bills as outlined including UAMPS, both Enbridge and the Fire Frontier when they are received and Ropers and a reimbursement for Andrew for a pump that he purchased when Pelorus gets the Fire/Flood mitigation line

added. Sunny seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Bishop noted that we are tracking and working to get reimbursed for fire and flood mitigation charges and that will be a process.

7. **Flood Mitigation Update:** Mayor Bishop shared that he has letters to the families of the helicopter pilots that were killed fighting the Widemouth 2 fire, he will have those available for the council members and staff to sign along with those in attendance tonight. He will also have them at the post office for the public to sign for the next few days. Monica will share this on the social media page so folks are aware. He has been tracking the weather feverishly to try to anticipate what may come. The monsonal cycle may continue into September. There are still sandbags, extra bags and sand available. Sungro and Swallow Farms delivered 25 more pallets of sandbag and more are coming from Utah county. We may see weaknesses and it will change how the sandbags are placed. Meadow Creek and Walkers have met at Dead Man's. Walkers is now being diverted south, this can be changed at a later date. Mayor Bishop will meet with NRCS and plan to be prepared for what may come in future years. We could have issues with runoff for years possibly. There is extensive work being done at the diversion dam at June Hill. Please be courteous of the work being done there and stay out of their way. There will be forest closures for public safety as there are still trees and rocks coming down.
8. **Water Department**
 - a. **Notice of violation to monitor disinfection byproduct:** Mayor Bishop shared that this violation has nothing to do with the fire. Meadow Town received a letter dated November 18, 2025 that put on notice that we missed a testing cycle that happens every three years. Apparently this came as an email that no one can find and we didn't know to look for it, until we missed it. Mayor Bishop called the state and told them we would test right now, but the test has to happen between July 1st and September 30. This will be noted in Mayor Bishop's September letter.
 - b. **Discuss a portable generator to power our two wells in the event of a power outage:** Justin commented that he asked about putting this on the agenda. The fire brought more attention to the fact that we may need to look into this. Justin wondered about a portable generator that could be moved between the wells. We will need input from maybe Dixie or Rocky Mountain Power specialists to tell us what we need. We need advice. This will have quite a few puzzle pieces to work out.
9. **Electrical Department:** Sunny wanted to say thank you to Dixie Power and Rocky Mountain, UAMPS and all that participated in the electrical piece during the fire who worked to keep our power on. She noted that the poles have been delivered from Dixie Power, but the fire excitement has delayed that a bit. It should happen soon and Dixie has identified the poles that they think need replaced now. We will sell off the old poles by sealed bid at a later date.
10. **Road Department:** There is a discussion happening about the Y by the UDOT shed and service stations. One thought is taking the yield sign and moving it to the North and South direction which would help traffic flow more smoothly. This

would be a cost effective option with just a signage change and no road changes. Justin would like feedback and thoughts from the public.

- 11. Parks and Cemetery:** No park business. There has been a diversion ditch added above the cemetery running North to South. Jim is working to follow up with FEMA and insurance issues. He has been visiting with Traci Harrison with the State of Utah. In Utah, 230 communities are participating and 26 are not, and Meadow is one of those. She has sent the information to Jim, but this could be difficult and quite a process. If anyone would like to look at this, Jim has it available.
- 12. Fire Department:** Assistant Fire Chief Greg Prows shared that a plan was discussed at the last fire meeting about how they can help if there is a flood. The fire station would be a temporary shelter and will have water and shelf stable food in case. The volunteer fire fighters will get their families taken care of first and then come to the firehouse to help. Mayor Bishop thanked the fire department for their willingness and all they have done to help.
- 13. Planning and Zoning:** None
- 14. Administrative:** There are so many businesses and entities helping Meadow Town and the surrounding communities. Delta City and their community shipped more sand to us than we filled ourselves, they have gone above and beyond. There have been countless others that have helped. We are working on a list of Thank You's to send, we will do our best, but inevitably some will be missed.
- 15. Other business:** None
- 16. 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.
- 17. Any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session:** None
- 18. Adjourn:** Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting. Justin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk