Meadow Town Council Meeting
September 21, 2026
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilmember Sunny Guild, Councilmember Robert Beckstrand, Councilmember Justin Jensen, Clerk Monica Dearden, Tony Cowley, Mark Cowley, Shay Morrison, Liz Stott, Leo Stott, Camille Jensen, Andee Holdaway
Excused: Councilmember Jim Beckstrand, Treasurer Haley Abplanalp

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was said by Mayor Bishop.
2. **Review of minutes: Town Council meeting from 08/17/2026-** The council reviewed the minutes. Sunny motioned to approve the minutes with one edit. Robert seconded. All were in favor.
3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:** No conflicts
4. **Public comments: Issues and/or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public. (Limited to <u>three minutes</u> per person.)** No comments.
5. **Public agenda topics (time allocations for presentations is <u>seven minutes.</u> 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. **Shay Morrison- R6 Community Advisor, Introduction:** Shay introduced himself. He will be taking on the communities in Millard County as Jess Peterson, our former community advisor, has moved onto a new role. He shared a flier for the fall growth summit in October. Monica will pass it onto the Council Members and Planning & Zoning group.
6. **Accounting Reports:** Monica went over the current claims with the council. Mayor Bishop shared that close to $75,000.00 are fire and flood mitigation charges and we are expecting 100% reimbursement. The process is ongoing and Gary and Monica will meet with the State on Thursday to go over the process. Millard County will intervene and pay as a loan with a MOU if that is the route we choose. Robert motions to pay the bills as outlined including UAMPS. Sunny seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. **Water Department:** Robert reported that there was a large leak on Main street that was repaired at the end of last week. It required permits from UDOT to bore under the road. They got three bids, which all came out close to each other, but one company was able to do the work sooner, so they went with them. He also reported that Andrew has been super busy and we are thankful for all he has done to keep our water system going.
8. **Electrical Department:** Sunny said that Dixie Power finished replacing eleven poles. There were eight done in the spring, which makes nineteen for this calendar year. She would like to do more in the Spring of 2027 if the budget allows.
9. **Road Department:** Justin said that UDOT did the asphalt for the culvert work that was done but they forgot to do the spot on center street by Leo Stott's. Justin is calling to see where they may get asphalt to take care of it. He also plans to adjust the flag brackets on main to a uniform height to make getting them up safer and easier.
10. **Parks and Cemetery:** The dumpster will be removed at the end of October.
11. **Fire Department:** No Business
12. **Planning and Zoning:** No Business
13. **Administrative**
    a. **Flood Mitigation Update:** We discussed the financial aspect in the accounting report portion. The state department of emergency management installed a camera at the south of the culvert as an early alert of flooding. The Sheriff's office can remotely control it and zoom in. It will be in place until Halloween. The track hoe will be at June Hill through the end of September. We could keep it longer, but it would be on our dime at approximately $10,000.00 a month. It may be something we want to revisit in the spring.
    b. **Power pole bids:** Mayor Bishop counted 30 or so poles that we can sell with a sealed bid process. It doesn't seem like anyone would want all of them. We will list them as the highest bidder gets as many as they want at that price, the second highest as many as they would like and so on. Mayor Bishop will share this in his letter and Monica will share it on the billing and on social media.
14. **Other business:**
    a. Mayor Bishop shared that a few months ago as we left a meeting, a member of the public physically barricaded a town council member from leaving in their vehicle. When this was reported to Mayor Bishop, he called the Sheriff's office and then our attorney. He would like this on record that we will not tolerate any intimidation of our elected officials. Zero. None. If you position yourself to barricade or to intimidate, we will have the Sheriff's office come and support our elected officials and our town employees. The sheriff's office and attorney offer support of this. If town members would like to talk about an issue or an item, knock on a door, call them up, text them and ask if they could have a meeting, but to physically barricade them from leaving is unacceptable.

    b. October's meeting date falls during Millard School District's fall break. Gary, Monica and Justin will be out of town. It was decided that the meeting will be held on the second Monday, October 12th.

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. Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Monica Dearden
Meadow Town Clerk