

GRAMA Request Form

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Requester information:

Name: *Tony Cowley*

Date: *4/19/2022*

Address: *P.O. Box 125, 95 E 100 N*

City: *Meadow*

State: *Utah*

ZIP code: *84644*

Daytime phone number: *435-842-7214* Email address:

(Please leave a message if necessary).

Request made to:

Government agency or office:

Meadow Town Corporation

Records officer's name (if known):

?

Address: *P.O. Box 88*

City: *Meadow*

State: *Utah*

ZIP code: *84644*

Phone number: *435-842-2203*

Email address:

Records requested:

Note: The more specific the request, the easier it will be for records officers to respond.

Title or subject of records: *Engineering & professional information concerning Meadow's pending purchase of 42 acre-feet of ground water*

Description of records including all relevant information -- date range of records, name of involved person(s), location of event(s), and other descriptive information:

See Attachment

Details for records that may have restricted access:

N/A

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If the requested records could have a restricted classification, please supply the following information:

Are you the subject of the record? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you an authorized representative of the subject of the record (parent, guardian, someone with power of attorney or notarized release): ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain and attach documentation:

Did you provide the record to the governmental entity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe your connection to an incident or event that is the subject of the record:

Details for records the release of which may be in the public interest:

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If release of the requested records will benefit the public, please supply the following information:

Are you requesting an expedited response? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the record be used for a news story or publication? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Maybe

If yes, which channel or publication?

Explain other justification that release of the record will benefit the public. *Expose information the people of Meadow have the right to know.*

Details for records that may be eligible for a fee waiver:

Note: Government entities are encouraged to waive fees in certain circumstances as outlined in Utah Code § 63G-2-203(4).

Do you want this request to be considered for a fee waiver? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the following information:

Does release of these records benefit the public? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you the subject of the record? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you an impecunious (without money) individual whose legal rights are affected by access to the requested records? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional access considerations:

Note: Additional details about obtaining access to records are outlined in Utah Code § 63G-2-201, 203, and 204.

Would you like the records to be provided in a particular format? ☐ Yes ☐ No *copied and/or digital*

If yes, explain

Do you want to be contacted if the cost of providing records exceeds a certain amount? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state the amount *\$20*

Rather than receiving copies of the requested records, would you like to view them in the office of the governmental entity? ☐ Yes ☐ No *This is an option for me.*

If yes, arrangements must be made with the entity's record officer.

Explain anything else you would like to be taken into consideration regarding this request:

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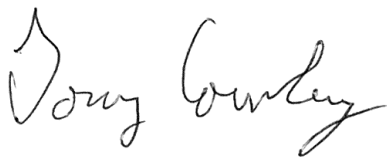
I am hereby requesting:

Any and all documents, engineering reports, water calculations, letters, or phone contacts with any engineering firms, or other professional entities supporting mayor Gary Bishop's (of the Meadow Town Council) claim in the March 22, 2022 town board meeting that their proposed 42 acre-foot water purchase will "translate" into 78 additional water hookups for customers in the town of Meadow.

Additionally, I am asking for any requests made by Meadow Town to the engineering firms that suggest any water usage amounts per tap connection in Meadow.

And, any criteria the engineering companies used (or suggested by Meadow Town officials) to arrive at their calculations for the amount of water to be considered for 78 tap connections within Meadow Town limits.

I would like a signed response in writing within ten days, as required by Utah Law (63G-2-204 (4)). I would also like a detailed explanation if my request is denied.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tony Cowley". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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Title or subject of records: Annexation requirements; requirements for "squaring up the town."

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Note: Governmental entities are required to respond within 10 business days as outlined in Utah Code § 63G-2-204(4)(b) or 5 days for expedited response.

I am hereby requesting any and all documents, letters, and phone contacts made from any State of Utah agency to and from Meadow Town Corporation concerning statements made in the March 22, 2022 Town Board Meeting and other meetings by Channing Stott regarding requirements for Meadow to have an annexation plan, and Utah State's request asking Meadow to "square up the town" as he stated in the March 22, 2022 meeting starting at minute 30:30 on the first .mp3 recording on the Utah Public Notice website for Meadow Town.

If it was a phone conversation, I want:

1. The name of the state agency making the call(s) and requirements.
2. The name of the department making the call(s) and requirements.
3. The name of the state official(s) Meadow officials communicated with making the call(s).
4. The time and date of the call(s).
5. The substance of the call(s).
6. Phone number of the said state official(s).

I would like a signed response in writing within ten days, as required by Utah Law (63G-2-204 (4)). I would also like a detailed explanation if my request is denied.

Jonny Lowley

Comments on the March 22, Town Council Meeting, by Tony Cowley 4/19/22

First of all, I would like to emphasize that I am not opposed to buying new water shares for the existing town of Meadow, if the intentions and negotiations are right. Notwithstanding, whether it is a good deal or not, who could argue about securing more water for the town?

But there are residents of Meadow as well as those that do not reside in Meadow that still think Meadow's resources are to be used as an investment bank for someone that wants to annex their property to the town. This would be illegal. But let's be honest about it. The mayor and town council are not being forthright concerning the "translations" of the math calculations for the proposed water purchase of forty-two acre feet of water being sufficient to provide for 78 household connections for water with respect to what we have now. A ten-year-old could do the math, so here we go again:

Fact: every current resident of Meadow is entitled to use 60,000 gallons of water per month for their connection at the basic water rate. This includes all twelve months of the year, even though the meters aren't read during the winter months. If a resident used 60,000 gallons every month of the year for twelve months, that would be $(60,000 \times 12 = 720,000)$ gallons of water, and would be well within his basic allocation right to do so. This limit has actually been exceeded in the past in some cases. There are 325,851 gallons in an acre foot, **therefore, 720,000 gallons per year allocated per tap equals 2.209 acre feet of water per building lot, or $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, as we now have.**

The Town Council has apparently chosen to use "fuzzy math" from their consultants to get you to think that 42 acre-feet of water equals 78 connections, to be equal to any other connection in town. Let's use real math to see how they appear to deceive us:

Forty-two acre-feet $\times$ 325,851 gallons per acre-foot equals 13,685,742 gallons. The 13,685,742 gallons equaling forty-two acre-feet divided by the allowable 720,000 gallon per year figure stated above for all current Meadow residents equals only enough water for 19 connections at the rate of 60,000 gallons per month for all twelve months. **Forty-two acre-feet would only provide 14,621 gallons per month for 12 months to 78 homes.**

This begs the question, "Why would the Meadow Town Council try to make us think that they are buying enough water with our \$300,000 dollars to provide for 78 connections when the real number is 19?" This is like asking us to believe that $2 + 2 = 5$. Nineteen connections is only enough water for about two full blocks and three lots of homes within the town at our current rate, not 78. Unless you are using "fuzzy math," mathematics is a perfect science.

Three possible explanations for this irrational thinking come to my mind:

1. Explanation #1: Could the Town Council be planning to cut our future monthly water usage, at our cost, to 14,621 gallons per month in the future based on their "fuzzy" calculations to accommodate growth?"

2. Explanation #2: Could the Town Council be planning to use 14,621 gallons as a **benchmark** to require a lesser quantity of water to be required by developers in the future for annexation? **This issue is very important.** What would this do to your water right as it is now? This would be illegal based on the amount of water we now use in town, since annexation requires bringing resources to the town that are equal to any that are already granted to existing citizens. If there is a shortage after annexation takes place, the Town (meaning you, and each and every citizen), will pay for someone else's development (and shortfall).
3. Explanation #3: The Town Council and its advisors cannot do basic math.

Although the Town Council claims that annexation has not been discussed in this context, the truth is that annexation has been a hot topic over the last four years and even pushed by the last mayor and town council for some reason. It was mentioned at least three times in the March 22 meeting wherein Channing Stott mentions the annexation process the State is asking us to do (minute 24:57 on the first recording); he talks about squaring up the town (at minute 30:11 on the first recording), and again he reiterates in more vivid detail (at minute 30:30 on the first recording) about requests from the state to square-up the town, and have an annexation policy in place. The town council may not have discussed annexation per se in this instance, but it surely is on the radar screen, possibly using "fuzzy math" translations or interpretations. Annexation has consumed almost all of the planning and zoning committee's time over the last four years.

Also, I'd like to say a little bit about the public comment period the town council has forced upon the people, without any discussion or resolutions passed. Never before has any council limited anyone to three minutes. Where and how did this number capriciously appear? A rabbit's hat? In a large city it may be necessary to limit time, but in a small town there usually aren't enough comments to make that necessary. Open dialog has always served the town and its people the best, and the mayor is the moderator. Also, it's interesting to note that the comment section is placed before the main meeting agenda, so questions on the current topics are not allowed. I have noticed that any questions regarding monthly bills are directed to the town hall's phone number at 842-2203. I called it last week, and it does not forward to the clerk, mayor, or treasurer. No one is there most of the time. There were no draft minutes posted on the Public Website as of last night. It almost appears like the new town council just wants to shut you up like the news media and social networks are doing to Americans nationwide.

In the March 22 meeting, Mayor Gary Bishop allowed Dennis Bond to speak freely and without restraint (minute 30:20 on the second recording), far beyond the public comment period, while others were forcefully hushed up. Dennis was not on the agenda. This is disgraceful and unethical on the mayor's part, and is discrimination, which is illegal. This point was made by the town attorney in our January Town Board meeting during his Open Meetings Training about Facebook postings: If you allow one to post (or speak), you have to allow everyone to post (or speak).

So if we have to do things this way, I have two GRAMA requests to file with the clerk this evening. I got the standard forms from the State Records Committee website, and the Attorney General's office. The County Attorney's office told me if I file a legitimate GRAMA request, you will comply. You must reply by ten business days (Utah Code 63G-2-204 (4), and I am requesting that reply in writing, with any reasons for denial in detail. Any employee who refuses to grant access to unrestricted public records "is guilty of a class B misdemeanor" (Utah Code 63G-2-801 (3) (a)). I would suggest you use caution in stating how documents are classified (whether private, protected, or controlled). I will appeal any denials to the State Records Committee or the Utah Attorney General's office which supervises them. I will also request any records listed as such to be granted if and when they no longer meet any protected status criteria.

The first GRAMA request stems from Channing Stott's repeated statements over the last four years, and specifically in the March 22, 2022 Town Board meeting at (minute 24:53 on the 1st recording) wherein he states that, in response to a question and I quote, "...is it the annexation process the state is asking us to do?" At minute 30:30 on the 1st recording, Channing said, "Do I think it's a good move to square up the town, I do, but not only is it a smart thing to, we have been asked by the state to do such a thing, and make sure, and make sure, we have an annexation plan in place for the future, that is true." If these documents from the state mandating these are true, then I am requesting these documents where the state is contacting us and requiring this, as per the attached GRAMA requests. The state does not work this way. Also, Channing, maybe you aren't aware of the fact that your town board already passed an annexation ordinance in December, 2019, since you've been in office. The details are now being addressed in planning and zoning.

The second GRAMA request originates from statements in the March 22, 2022 Town Board Meeting, where we were given the 42 acre-foot, 78-connection "translation" mentioned in the March 22 meeting. At (minute 10:15 on the 1st recording,) Channing Stott said, and I quote, "we've had the engineers do the math for us." At minute 10:38 on the first recording, mayor Gary Bishop said, I quote: "We ran it through some engineers, and that's what, that residential connections translate to." At minute 12:55 on the first recording, Gary Bishop states that, and I quote, "So, forty-two acre-feet translates to 79 residential connections—78 domestic connections, that's what it translates to." I am requesting all documents from the engineers in my GRAMA request referring to the calculations you have mentioned. What standard are they using to decide what Meadow should have, if not based on what we are already allowed now? Is it some other town? If so, why?

If you are not allowing open discourse at the meetings, I am requesting that I be placed on the agenda every month, which is the best way for you to allow me to make public comments, and I will have the comments scanned into the minutes.

All of you swore an oath to uphold the Utah constitution, which includes all laws and ordinances written under the constitution, and work on behalf of all the people in Meadow. Silencing, deceiving, discriminating, or limiting free speech is not serving the people of Meadow that pay your salaries and trust you to work in their best behalf.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), GRAMA, and the Open Meetings Act serve the public because the people of Meadow have the right to know how you are conducting our business, how you are spending our money, and anything you are doing on behalf of the town outside of the public view.

I am requesting that the clerk scan and attach this to the minutes in it's entirety, plus the bodies of the GRAMA requests.

Tommy Lowley 4/19/22