

Meadow Town Council Meeting

June 14th, 2022
Meadow Firehouse
7:00 p.m.

*****THESE MINUTES HAVE been APPROVED AS OF JULY 20, 2022*****

- Those in Attendance: Mayor Gary Bishop, Councilman Tyson DeWolf, Councilman Channing Stott, Clerk Madison Turner, Treasurer Monica Dearden, Firecheif Jim Giles, Zane Murnan, Tony Cowley, Andrea Holdaway, Lloyd Robison, Mark Cowley, Lynn Bond, Dennis Bond, Donna O'Neil, Allan Erickson, Ron Heard, Cathy Burns, Ron Burns, Justin Jensen, JD Freeman, Natalie Neilson, Ranae Williams, Drue Labrum.
 - Excused: Councilman Dustan Starley and Councilwoman CJ Stott.
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1. **Opening Ceremonies:** Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. This was followed by a prayer by Mayor Bishop.
 2. **Review of minutes-5/17/22:** The council reviewed the minutes. Several grammar errors were noticed, and to be changed. Afterwards, Channing motioned to approve the minutes. Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Gary asks for a motion to adopt the new budget for 2023. Tyson motions to accept, Channing seconds, all in favor.
 3. **Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:**
 4. **Public comments;**
(This time is set aside for the public to express their ideas, concerns, and comments (limited to three minutes per person))
 - a. **Allen Erickson:** Allen requested from the council the options and ability to receive power for the town, out to his property just on the north bounds of town city limits. The town ordinance is discussed,

which does not allow town members to “tap” into the power line. Allen would like a meter connection, with himself paying all costs.

Tyson, personally says we need to stay with the ordinance, which means he also says no. Channing mentions, in the past, it's been no for an answer when people have asked, so he feels like we should stay with the ordinance. He uses others as example, for council addressing the same matter, and Channing doesn't think it's in his best interest to tell Allen yes, when the past, it's been a no.

Council discusses if there is a possibility to make a variance to the ordinance in the future, however with few members absent, they plan to revisit this subject and table the decision until Dustan and CJ are also involved.

Allen notes the power line does run through his fence line, and did not have an issue with the town putting it up. He also mentions that in the past, there actually have been people who were allowed to have it. Mayor Gary, says if we can get a whole group in July, the council may make that decision.

- b. **Cathy Burns:** Cathy asks the council questions and the understanding of excessive water and electricity. “If it’s there, why is it limited? Why can’t we use it?”. Tyson says the council is responsible for Meadow boundaries, so anything outside of town affects the town. The council explains, what is within the Meadow, must be used within the boundaries. Allen explains that Flowell does have a power line on the far edge of his property. LLOYD Robison interjects, and helps explain how the power pool works, in regards to the excess or left over. He continues in explaining how we use our available power, when it goes to the pool. LLOYD also notes how important the ordinances are so we protect the town.
- c. **Tony Cowley:** Tony has filed an appeal with the State Records Committee outside of Meadow. He filed a Grama Request, and appealed the first response, and also appealed the second response. This second time, he has decided to take it to a higher level for the record requests he is asking for.
- d. **LLOYD Robison:** LLOYD has filed a Grama Request for financial reports including water, electric, perpetual, general, PTIF and any other financial accounts. Allen Erickson asks how the Grama Requests work.
- e. **Channing Stott/Mayor Gary:** Mayor Gary explains what a Grama request is, (the legal request for specific records). By doing so, depending on the request, Gary explains that we go through our attorney to make sure we are following the law and providing the correct information. Gary also explains we do not have an official Grama officer, so by which, it is costing us money to go through our

lawyer. Channing mentions, "Yes, this is costing us a lot of money.". Channing also wants it to be known in the minutes that these requests that we get are costing Meadow town lots of money in lawyer fees. Gary also says, however it is a legal request, so we will do our best to follow the rules. Gary also mentions, some of the information can easily be obtained just by simply asking for the information informally, rather than going a legal route. For example, financial reports. Tony also comments back that all the GRAMA request fuss could have been avoided if they could shut down the three minute rule and let the people speak.

5. Accounting Reports

- a. Review and approve payments:** Monica presented the current accounting reports and bills to the board. Channing motions to accept, Tyson seconds, all in favor.

6. Administrative:

- a.** Mayor Gary mentions that there have been issues with the message machine at the town office and maybe we can look into improving that situation or getting a new one.
- b.** Mayor Gary discusses the issues with firework ban in town. "Is that something we want to ban, leave alone? Do we want to deal with it, or do we want to say we're fine?". Tyson says ban it. Channing suggests it's too bad we don't have a designated spot for a certain time, we could have families come down to do their fireworks show. Otherwise, members of the town voice their opinion to ban them. For safety sake and water, Gary discusses a resolution to ban fireworks in town. Gary presented a draft resolution that Meadow town bans fireworks, as well as facing penalties of Utah Code.

The discussion also goes into which months are limited months. They also decided it shall be until further notice, that perhaps it can be revisited in January. Members of the town also ask how you can enforce it? Tyson notes that it is imposed by the Sheriff's office.

Gary notes, how do we let the public know the ban is lifted, because the ban can't be forever? He read a part of his draft, as to the firework ban, adhering to Utah Code. Gary entertains a motion to adopt the resolution ban, Channing makes a motion to adopt Tyson seconds.

Justin Jesen notes that the county isn't going to enforce Meadow's resolution, and suggest that to impose the effective ban, an infraction or fine should be in place. It's noted the city does not have a code enforcer. The resolution is signed, aside from the absent members. Their signatures will follow as they are available

- c. **Tax Rate:** Gary discusses the new tax rate. Gary suggests we accept the standard tax rate suggested by the state. Channing makes a motion to accept the tax rate as is, Tyson seconds, all in favor.
- d. **Electric Resolution:** The motion to increase the residential electric rate to \$0.02/KwH, Meadow town will modify the rate, as well as commercial. This would bring the rates to \$0.07 residential/\$0.09 commercial KwH. Channing motions to accept it, Tyson seconds, all in favor. Council members signed the resolution, except absent members CJ and Dustan at this time. Their signatures will follow as they are available

7. Water Department:

- a. **Channing Stott:** Andrew Flakes water report is discussed and how we can get it to the public. They decide to put the report in the town bill, along with Mayor Gary's letter to the town. Channing also mentions the water leaks he and Andrew have fixed around town. Channing also wants to add a reminder in the town billing, for water overages and fees.

8. Electrical Department:

- a. Dustan Starley is absent, nothing to discuss at this time.

9. Road Department:

- a. **Tyson Dewolf:** Tyson mentions that the big pothole in front of Iris Bonds home has finally been fixed. Monica mentions how much better the road is now.

10. Parks and Cemetery:

- a. Gary notes how incredible the parks and cemetery grounds look and comments on the great job Jordan Stewart and Russ Bond have been doing in keeping up with the landscaping.

11. Fire Department:

12. Planning and Zoning

- a. Gary mentions that Landon and Mallory Stott submitted their building permit request and discussed a permit request for a shed for Russ and Lynette Madsen.

13. Other business: None

- a. **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. Any action necessary as a result of the Closed Session: None

14. Adjourn:

- a. Channing motions to adjourn, Tyson seconds; all in favor.