

Meadow Town Council Meeting

July 20, 2022

Meadow Firehouse

7:00 p.m.

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

- **Those in Attendance:** Mayor Gary Bishop, Council Members- Channing Stott, Tyson DeWolf, CJ Sottt, Dustan Starley, Clerk Madison Turner, Treasurer Monica Dearden, Tony Cowley, Lloyd Robison, Mark Cowley, Aironn Bishop, Ethan Bishop, Alan Erickson, Dennis Bond, Lynn Bond, Zane Murnan, Ron Heard, Andrea Holdaway, Jim Beckstrand, Tammy Beckstrand, Andrew Flake, Donna O'Neil, Renae Williams, Leo Stott, Neal Westphal, Brittany Stott, Carlie Dearden, Lindsay Starley, Alisha Starley, Ed Zmitravich, Sarah Core, Trevor Johnson
- **Excused**

1. Opening Ceremonies :

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. This was followed by a prayer by Neal Westphal.

- ## 2. Review of minutes-6/21/22:
- The council reviewed the minutes. Channing motioned to approve the minutes. Tyson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Several typos were noticed by Tyson, section (D) page 4,

- ## 3. Declaration of conflicts with or personal interest in any agenda items:
- Mayor Bishop asks about conflicts of interest. There are none to be reported.

4. Public comments;

(This time is set aside for the public to express their ideas, concerns, and comments (limited to three minutes per person))

- Ethan Bishop-** Reporting back from a sponsorship trip to Pennsylvania. Ethan describes his excitement from the Founding Fathers and how he got to see the National government work.
- Carlie Dearden:** Carlie reports back on seeing the historic landmarks, especially Abraham Lincoln memorial at Ford's Theater and gives gratitude to the donations of Meadow Town.
- Lindsay Starley-** Lindsay, as well, was a part of the F.F.A trip to Washington. She noted that her relative signed the Declaration of Independence in 1823. Lindsay also notes the time at the White

House. Lindsay and Carlie were given the opportunity to dance in front of the White House with other F.F.A. members.

- d. **Tony Cowley-** Tony addresses the council/public to discuss his previous Grama requests, (June 14th, 2022). Tony also recalls, in this matter, incorrect statements made by the Council. Tony recalls three Grama requests, for the documents and information he is seeking. Tony cites laws to response time for Grama requests, under Utah law by an officer certified to handle such requests. Tony also mentions, this is usually a Clerk job, to qualify for Grama reports/response.

Tony also feels Mayor Gary Bishop restricts or denies public access to the public information. Tony addresses the time limit, three minutes/per, which he states is selectively enforced. Tony mentions other Meadow town members, allotted more time, and mentions being interrupted the time he had of the three minute rule.

The topic of the new water purchase of \$300,000 is also discussed. Issues of Meadow Town money, spending are also brought up during Tony's time. Mayor Gary interjects, as well as CJ Stott.

Mayor Gary Bishop talks to Tony/town, with a reply of what was discussed previously. Gary appreciates the requests, as well to work with Tony amongst the issues Tony has.

Dennis Bond- Asks about the time/money Meadow town has spent on Gramma requests/matters involving attorney fees, etc. At this time, the council does not have a number to throw out because it is an ongoing matter.

Other: Issues and or matters to be discussed and expressed by the public: none

5. Accounting Reports

Review and approve payments: Monica presented the current bills/payments of Meadow Town to the council. Channing motioned to approve the payments. CJ seconded. All were in favor.

6. Administrative:

- a. Mayor Gary would like to visit the contracting work for Meadow Town, (historically, Carling's). Mayor Bishop mentions using outside sources, for leaks, (100 south), as Channing Stott, Russ Bond, or a local owner of equipment, to meet the need for the job. Also, Gary asks if Meadow town can meet this need, and what is the going rate of charge to fulfill the obligation. Channing- asks if we can meet this outsource. Council and community discuss insurance issues, and do we need to be bonded or insured? Bidding options are discussed amongst council and Mayor. Coordination and planning , reactive projects, Channings time, at \$50-60/hour to use his equipment and

time. Emergency scenarios are discussed dealing with town emergency situations, (Allen Erickson). Liability is at question. Decision to avoid unlicensed/uninsured vendors.

- b. GRAMA Officer Discussion: Mayor Gary Bishop mentions losing the previous officer in November and restaffing. There is no record or memory of GRAMA requests for Meadow Town. This is a new workload. The choices are, to remain using current city staff, or, hiring outside the realm of council, clerk and or treasurer. The rate of which to be paid is discussed by Mayor Gary and what the options look like. Composition for the job is also talked about by Channing and CJ. Madison Turner suggests the will to do and take the training. At \$20 an hour, with additional attorney fees, the council discusses the matter. CJ disagrees with \$20 an hour, Dustan, Channing, and Tyson agree to pay by the hour. Mayor Gary entertains a motion for a short-term basis to pay Madison Turner \$20 an hour for Grama request work, which should be documented time spent. Dustan makes a motion, for time being, to accept and Channing/Gary addresses the public opinion.

Lynn Bond expresses that it is part of the clerical job to abstract the reports requested in a GRAMA request. His opinion is, Meadow does not need an attorney involved. Also, contention of record reporting, receiving records, and ability to receive them is discussed. Gary says, motion is to give the Grama officer position to Madison for \$20/hour of work. Channing motions to accept, CJ seconds, all in favor.

- c. Noticed a billing error in the electric department. Town council was late finding the overages with issues in Pelorus. Town should credit for 0.02 in the month of May. The vote for change was June 14th, the meeting was after the agenda. Discussion about the effective date related to billing, should have been stayed until June 10th? The credit will happen for May. How can we approach the June bill? Catch the new change in July? Discussion goes on between the Mayor and council to resolve the issue of the deficit and inconvenience. Dustan says it's fine, but flipside that the change would happen and in June when we had made the resolution. CJ thinks it doesn't matter to set it up the extra 0.02 but we should go ahead and correct the billing error in May and leave June alone. Tyson thinks leave June alone, credit May. Mayor agrees for the credit May bills error, but we will go with the resolution and leave the meter read.

7. Water Department: Channing-We have no water contribution from the springs. Pay attention to your own house, leaks, etc.

Are we staying in yellow or moving to red? Red condition is little or no water flowing from springs to the wells. Channing and council decide to move the red zone. Mayor says the meter reads will be in the yellow zone until the next meter reads, moving forward will be in the red zone. As well, we need to conserve and may see stress in the park and cemetery.

Lynn Bond: the 24th for the park, we expect use of water for the celebration.

8. Electrical Department: Dustan didn't have anything to discuss. Mayor Gary, discusses the utility connection fee notice.. Alternative Power source: Gary wants to keep this discussion alive. Gary and Dustan want to add alternative power sources to the following agenda.

9. Road Department:

10. Parks and Cemetery: CJ notes everything looks good.

11. Fire Department:

12. Planning and Zoning:

- a. **Andrew Flake:** Sent a draft of the annex application, but no comments back yet. Monica mentions she has not heard from him.

13. Building permits: Lynnette Madsen's permit approved. Landon and Malorie Stott's permit is in the process.

14. Other business: Channing expresses opinions within the town and feelings hurt, and express his opinion that each deserves his/her feelings to speak. He also discusses the conversation he had with Tony Cowley and the conversation about not being "heard". The three minute time limit is also brought up, and how it can be concerning. The tone of the language and verbiage brought up, is talked about. "How can we resolve this three minute thing so you're being heard and we can conduct a meeting?". "We discuss what we need to discuss". Also, Channing thinks the council deserves their time to conduct a meeting, and then allow the town to express their thoughts and feelings. At a time allotted, if it's not lengthy/disrespectful, etc. Channing thinks, we could get away from the three minutes, as long as its productive

CJ: wants to get away from the contention. It's noted, by Tony, that the council works for the town. He never would have filed the GRAM request, if he felt it wasn't necessary. Aironn Bishop notes about compromises about viewpoints being upset and angry about decisions made from the council. There needs to be a compromise from both sides. The hatred and nastiness coming from the meetings, nobody wants to sit through this. Council does work for Meadow, but however they have been voted in by trust to make decisions. Choices need to be made, and the elected council has that choice.

Leo Stott: talks about being on the board for 18 years. His concern is, the reason for 3 minutes is to limit the time the council had to listen to the people complain, etc, and just listen. The three minutes need to be enforced in the front to have the concern brought forward, but then as business is conducted, perhaps we can have knowledgeable conversation, and leave behind the derogatory and demeaning manor.

Renae Williams: suggest maybe we can go to 5 minutes and also mentions Tammy's flag presentation. She suggests different types of contact matter that needs to be brought up for discussion.

Mark Cowley: If somebody puts themselves on the agenda, that person needs enough time to develop their thoughts.

Channing: says there does need to be room for compromise. He agrees, and says with Tony's opinion it can be discriminating. He says, what would be a time limit that is appropriate.

Mayor, we collectively agreed to use this time limit, and he's open to discussion about it. Is it a fair compromise to input and open it up to exceed this three minutes?

Channing: deferred to the mayor on this topic.

Tyson: Is open to compromise.

CJ: What Tony was reading, at some point, it has to end. She is open for the discussion to open up the limit.

Channing: We all knew where it was going to end, and we can't do that. What they say should be open for public comment and we need to think about it too.

Dustan thinks we ought to take input from the audience. Dustan thinks the agenda deserves an allotted time, however public comments should remain. The time limit for the agenda is discussed.

Ultimately this falls on the mayor's shoulders. Channings says given the time allotted on the agenda, if it's not on the agenda we should not be making decisions, other than discussion. The mayor says, as we go through the meeting and talk about any issue, we need to manage the time frame. We make motions to accept or keep it open for discussion.

Brittany Stott: Does this extension leave enough time for presentation to get the point across?

Mayor Gary appreciates this open discussion of "other business".

Allen Erickson mentions he would like to be added to the agenda for August.

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.

Tyson motioned to enter a closed session. Dustan seconded that motion. A roll call was held. Channing Stott- Yes, CJ Stott- Yes, Dustan Starley- Yes.

The meeting purpose was asked and the Mayor briefly explained the discussion is kept under the legal requirements to explain what will be discussed privately in closed session.

Mayor and council enter closed session.

Closed session ends, the public meeting re-convenes. XXXXXXXXXXXX motioned to adjourn. XXXXXXXXXXXX seconds the motion. Meeting ends.