

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
03 February 2020
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 3rd, of February 2020, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Ricky York. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Warnke. Roll call was taken with council members Tom Hoppell, Bill Warnke, Cora Kurth, and Eileen Balcer in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Danielle Painter, Deputy Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke, and City Attorney Dan Chadwick.

Guests present included Sandy Castro, Sean Gehrke, Dan Greig, Anna Austin, Greg Wiese, Sharon Wiese, Eric Stricker, Kaitlin Evers, Kyle Slagle, Logan Paradis, Marc Haws, Leslie Juarez, Kyle Brennan, Marilyn Munker.

January 21, 2020 City Council Minutes – Action Item

Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the January 21, 2020 City Council minutes. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals – Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the claim approvals totaling \$201,774.59. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Appearance Request

a. Greg Wiese- City Water Hookup

Greg Wiese is asking the City to allow the property on SW 1st continuing towards Adams Rd area to hook up to City Water. His plan is to sell the property to a developer to create a Subdivision that would need the access of City water to make the deal profitable to developers. Currently the property is for sale, as it has been in 2018 and 2019. He says the reason no one is willing to purchase the property for development is the current unavailability to city water. As it would be far too expensive to create substations within the subdivision, doing that would not be profitable for developers. Greg believes making a subdivision with this property will improve the City of New Plymouth by bringing revenue to the City.

Mayor York said that City code states that properties cannot access City services unless they are annexed into the City. Superintendent Beau Ziemer said that we have an agreement with the county that impact areas have to be done to city code and meet all those requirements. City Clerk Danielle Painter said that impact areas and city limits are a legal issue, that the City's hands are tied. Councilman Warnke said if Mr. Wiese wants to pursue his plan, he needs to go through all the proper channels and follow the steps before the Council could make a decision. Mayor York said he appreciated the time and efforts and to keep trying maybe someone will be willing to invest in his plan.

New Business – Action Items

a. Preliminary Plat for Hinkley Subdivision – 224 E Park. – Tabled from 1/21 Meeting

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to bring up and discuss the Preliminary Plat for the Hinkley Subdivision. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion took place between Councilmembers and Eric Stricker regarding the variance for sidewalks.

City Clerk Danielle Painter reminded the Council that Planning and Zoning had already sent a favourable mention.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the Planning and Zoning recommendation and give the variance for sidewalks. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Hoppell opposed.

b. Southwest Avenue Extension Project Bid Acceptance and Award

City Engineer Andy Gehrke said three bids were received. M2 Construction, Ontario, Oregon had the lowest bid for all three schedules at \$102,482.00.

Superintendent Beau Ziemer recommended awarding all three phases to M2 Construction. Beau stated we have worked with them in the past and have been pleased with their work.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to accept the bid and award all three phases to M2 Construction. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. Crosswalks – School District

Chairman Mark Haws of New Plymouth School Board spoke to the Council regarding the safety issues of the students and lack of crosswalks. He is asking for the Council's support in gathering funding by grants, donations, and also city funds. He said they would like six flashing school crossings. Two would be placed at S.E. Ave., one at S Plymouth Ave., one near the Blvd., one by each of two main crosswalks, two other flashing school crossings at Linden and across from the football field.

Mayor York asked for a letter of support from Superintendent David Sotutu and Chairman Mark Haws. Stating that if we worked as a united front, we could get this done for the safety of our children.

d. American Legion Boys/Girls State Donation Request

Dan Greig with the American Legion Payette is asking the Council for the donations to help send boys and girls to State this year. The American Legion program allows students to learn about the political process within our State Government. The students that attend State get to visit with Legislatures and be a part of creating bills. They also get to attend Sessions of State Parliament. This year New Plymouth has three girls that are wanting to attend Girls State, the cost is \$400.00 per student.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to send three girls from New Plymouth High School to American Legion Girl State by donating \$1200.00. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

e. No Parking Signs in Boulevard

Public works will replace existing signs in the Pathway. City Hall will monitor complaints on parking, and revisit if needed.

f. Reschedule February 17th meeting to the 18th due to Holiday – Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the reschedule of the February 17th meeting to February 18th. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance and Resolutions-Action Items

- a. NONE

Councilman Warnke moved to go into Executive Session. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call taken. Councilman Hoppell – yes, Councilman Warnke – yes, Councilwoman Kurth – yes, and

Councilwoman Balcer – yes.

Executive Session started 7:10 pm

Executive Session IC 74-206(1)(a) – To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;

Councilman Warnke moved to adjourn Executive Session. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Roll Call taken. Councilman Hoppell – yes, Councilman Warnke – yes, Councilwoman Kurth – yes, Councilwoman Balcer – yes.

Executive Session closed 7:31 pm

Department Reports

- a. December Building/Mechanical Report – No Discussion
- b. January Delinquent Report – No Discussion
- c. Engineering Report – No Discussion

Mayor & Council Comments

Adjournment

Councilwoman Balcer moved to adjourn the council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hoppell. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk