

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
MONDAY  
July 06, 2020  
6:00 P.M.  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2020, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Rick York.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilwoman Kurth.

Roll call was taken with council members Bill Warnke, Tom Hoppell, Cora Kurth, and Eileen Balcer in attendance.

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

Guests present were Dale Williamson.

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council Minutes – Action Item

**Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 City Council minutes. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Special City Council Minutes-Action Item

**Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Special City Council Minutes. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claim Approvals – Action Item

**Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the claim approvals totaling \$10,218.16. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

New Business –

- a. Dale Williamson- Taxation and Procedures. Mr Williamson is concerned with how our property taxes are increasing every year. Mr Williamson also pointed out that the New Plymouth Rural Fire Protection District has City Halls phone number listed on their information to the County. The Council informed Mr. Williamson that it is the responsibility of the Fire Dept to correct that information.
- b. P & Z Letter from City Council- Regarding Request to Review Comprehensive Plan and Zone Change. **Councilman Warnke made a motion to send the letter to P & Z from City Council. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- c. Personnel Policy- Councilwoman Balcer would like to add a dual interview process for new hires. As well as an Immediate Notification of any driving license changes for employees who drive City Vehicles. **Councilman Warnke moved to table this item until the changes can be added. Councilman Hoppell seconded. Motion carried.**
- d. Building Assessment Plans- The Council reviewed the three proposed plans for a remodel of the current City Hall building. It was discussed and agreed upon that the City should also look into current properties for sell in New Plymouth. Current remodel fund in Budget is \$500,000.00 which is the amount set aside for Grant matches. The City Council will review again once additional options have been looked into.
- e. Tentative Budget FY2021- Council discussed the budget.

**Councilwoman Kurth made a motion to accept the Tentative Budget FY2021. Councilman Hoppell seconded motion. Motion carried.**

Department Reports

- a. April & May Financial Statements-no discussion
- b. Engineering Status Report- City Engineer Andy Gehrke said that the Sewer project is set to have a walk through this next week.
- c. Public Works Report- Mayor York said he liked the format of the report saying it was easy to read and understand.

Ordinance or Resolutions (Action Item)

- a. Resolution 2020-02- Reserving the Forgone Amount  
**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-02. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilwoman Kurth was impressed with the great turn out for the Dax Pearson benefit Rodeo over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Councilman Warnke was asking about the plan going forward with the current Covid-19 situation. City Clerk Danielle Painter informed the Council that City Hall and the library are currently closed to the public. City Hall is available by apt only, with masks required when in the building. The City Hall bathroom has been closed to the public until further notice.

Mayor York let the Council know that he will be out of town for work periodically through the next month. The August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 City Council meeting is tentatively set as a Zoom meeting. If there are changes it will be reflected on the City website at npidaho.com.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

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Rick York, Mayor

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Danielle Painter, City Clerk