

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
MONDAY  
April 19, 2021  
6:00 P.M.  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2021, 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 Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer.

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

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.

Guest's present were Dale Williamson, Kevin Wilson, and Don Littlefield.

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 City Council Minutes- Action Item

**Councilman Warnke made a motion to approve the April 5th, 2021 City Council Minutes. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claim Approvals- Action Item

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve claim approvals totalling \$32,522.91. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

New Business – (Action Item)

- a. Don Littlefield- Sunny's Car Show.

Don Littlefield presented information about last year's car show. He thanked city clerk Danielle Painter and Mayor York for coming to the car show last year and showing their support. He said that the car show raised \$2000.00 for a scholarship that will be presented to a high school student from New Plymouth High School this year. There were over 150 cars from all over the Treasure Valley in attendance. They also had a corn hole and horseshoe tournament. The high school students did a great job on creating the trophies, he was super impressed with their creativity. He is asking for approval from the council to hold this year's Sunny's Car Show on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve Sunny's Car Show to be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- b. Kevin Wilson- Public Records Request

Mr. Wilson at 4470 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave New Plymouth Id. Mr. Wilson had questions about the new city hall plans. He doesn't agree with the decision to spend the city's money on a new building. Stating that if you drive around town, you will find plenty of other things that money can and should be spent on. He asked when it was approved and why no one was notified. Councilwoman Kurth responded saying that all city council meetings are open to the public. She said take note that there aren't many members of the public here tonight. Which is the case at most meetings. Everything that is discussed in the city council meetings is public record. Mr. Wilson asked where the money was coming from to pay for the new city hall. City Clerk Danielle Painter answered saying that this has been a budgeted item for years and years and years. That the budget planning public hearing is available to the public every year. The notices are in the paper,

and our website notifying the public when all public hearings are held. Danielle Painter also reminded Mr. Wilson that this building was given to the city. That with the donated building we paid the property taxes for 2020. Mr. Wilson asked why not just stay in the current building. Mr. Warnke answered saying that this building is not ADA compliant, along with many other outdated noncompliant with current code issues. That we had a cost analysis done by Heco our city engineer that would cost 1.4 million dollars to bring the current city hall to ADA compliance. This does not include any other improvements, or fixes that need to be completed. It was voted on by the city council to accept the donated building and doing the remodel, instead of dealing with the current city hall. Mr. Wilson then asked if the water meters were read every month. Beau Ziemer let him know that yes, the meters are read every month. Mr. Wilson wanted to know about the new subdivision, Harvest Creek. City Attorney Dan Chadwick advised the council that this item cannot be discussed as it is still in process with the final plat still awaiting approval. That the time for discussion regarding the Harvest Creek subdivision was already held during the preliminary plat public hearing. Mr. Wilson asked about the Kiwanis Park restroom, for an updated status. Beau Ziemer answered saying that the bathroom has been installed. But that it does have to be made ADA compliant and at this time there is no budget left to complete it this year.

- c. Brogan Rental Property- There are two separate invoices for Ray Brogan rental properties. The council needs to make a decision if they would like to write off the city services charges for each property. These two properties have accounts held in his tenant's names, not his. City Attorney Dan Chadwick advised the council to write these two invoices off. That based on an Idaho Supreme Court ruling the city has no recourse to go after the property owner for an account in a tenant's name.

**Councilman Warnke made a motion that we write off lot # 4 totalling \$3004.74 and lot # 5 totalling \$3735.13. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilman Hoppell, absent. 3 yeses. Motion carried.**

- d. Impact Area Property from County P & Z Commission- Danielle Painter explained to the council that the County Planning and Zoning Commission is asking for a favourable or non-favourable mention on this property that is located in our impact area. The property is asking to be rezoned from commercial to agricultural.

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to send a favourable mention to County P & Z Commission for the property to be rezoned from commercial back to agricultural. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- e. City Hall Renovation Cost Estimate-Andy Gehrke said that this was for Phase 1 Task 3 city hall side, interior construction cost estimate. That contractors want to know what the engineers cost estimate is, so they know if their bonded capabilities match the project. Most contractors will subcontract out portions of the job. But that all companies working on the project must have a public works bond. He said that the city has to have a minimum of 3 bids for the project. If the cost estimate is approved by the council, then we are ready to move forward. The exterior portion of the building renovations will be covered when we move to Phase 2, which includes the library side. The Mayor asked about placement of a reader board for city hall. Andy said that would also be something that would be done with Phase 2, as that side is next to the parking lot. They did find some electrical code issues, but these fixes were included with the cost estimate. There was an issue with a breaker panel that is used for the dentist office next door. Andy believes the easiest most cost-effective plan would be to continue to give the dentist office access to the panel if and when it trips. Councilman Warnke mentioned that as volatile as the construction world is right now it seems that it would be best for the city to do this sooner rather than later. Andy said that he does have a list of licensed companies that are public works bonded and should be able to do this job. He will get the list to the city for record.

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to move forward with the cost estimate for city hall renovation and to send an invitation for 3 bids. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilman**

**Hoppell, absent. 3 yeses. Motion carried.**

Department Reports

- a. March Financials FY2021- no discussion

Mayor & Council Comments

Adjournment

**Councilman Warnke moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

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Rick York, Mayor

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Danielle Painter, City Clerk