

New Plymouth City Council Meeting

TUESDAY

21 January 2020

6:00 P.M.

New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 21ST, of January 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 Hoppell. Roll call was taken with council members Tom Hoppell, Cora Kurth, and Eileen Balcer in attendance. Councilman Warnke was absent.

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

Guests present included Dale Williamson, Amy Manning, Mike York, Eric Stricker.

January 6, 2020 City Council Minutes – Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the January 6, 2020 City Council minutes. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals – Action Item

Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the claim approvals totaling \$28,593.05. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing opened at 6:01 p.m.

- a. Preliminary Plat for Hinkley Subdivision- 224 E Park.

FOR: Eric Striker who is representing the Hinkley's discussed the plans for this project. He explained that they are taking 2 lots (currently) and making a 3rd lot. Lot 12 has an existing home which will stand as is. There will be 2 more houses on the additional lots. Both the new homes will meet current city code. This split of the existing lots will then create a subdivision, and they will follow the subdivision codes. There will be curb & gutters at East Park Ave. & East Ash Street. They are asking for a variance on the requirement of sidewalks, citing adjacent properties have been improved with curb & gutter only. They are aware that the current house on Lot 12 is non-conforming. They will be asking for a variance from Planning & Zoning at a later date.

FOR: Highway District 1 sent in a letter via email stating they have no objections for this project, signed by Tim Hinson for the Highway District 1.

FOR: Dale Williamson residing at 510 E Idaho St. New Plymouth. He just wants to see improvements to our City. He feels that the plans for this project are good, but he agrees that he doesn't want the sidewalks put in. He feels there is no need for them, stating that there aren't sidewalks anywhere in that area. That they would look out of place.

AGAINST: Steve Christiansen residing at 208 E Park Ave via letter delivered to the City Hall said he is against the Hinkley Subdivision. Stating that he has lived on this block over 30 years. That there are 4 homes on the block, each having a double lot. That is the way it should remain.

Recommendation from Superintendent of Public Works City of New Plymouth Beau Ziemer. Stating that any variance request should be strongly considered with the City Code and The City of New Plymouth Master Transportation plan in mind. These codes are in place to increase property values, create adequate infrastructure, and save taxpayer money in future expansions and development.

Recommendation from Andrew Gehrke City Engineer with HECO ENGINEERS has given the go ahead for the project. Stating he is aware that the current house on lot 12 does not meet current city code and

will in the future need to ask for a variance from Planning & Zoning.

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:17 pm. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business – Action Items

- a. Preliminary Plat for Hinkley Subdivision – 224 E Park.

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to consider the application. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Hoppell stated that in the past the Council had denied requests based on the fact they couldn't do sidewalks. As well as properties not being up to code. Saying that why is it ok to approve this request when we have denied others in the past. He also had concerns with the current plan's sewer lines running under separate properties.

Councilwoman Balcer asked who would be responsible for the cost & who puts in the sewer.

Eric Stricker said that the Hinkley's are trying to put two nice homes to improve the current lot and improve the neighbourhood.

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to table until Beau Ziemer can come discuss the sewer lines. Motion Dies for lack of a second.

Discussion between the council regarding the sidewalk variance request. As well as the sewer lines. As well as the lot size with the new homes built, citing that the lots would be too small.

Eric Stricker let the council know that both new houses meet all the specs and current city codes. That they're only asking for a variance on the sidewalks. But if the City makes then put in new sewer lines that the Hinkley's would then abandon the project and the lot would stay as is. Stating again that instead of having an empty lot full of weeds, that the Hinkley's want to build two nice homes on the lots to improve the neighbourhood and bring additional revenue to the City.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to deny the application. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Balcer was concerned that the lots were non-conforming and not big enough.

City Clerk Danielle Painter informed Councilwoman Balcer that the two new properties would meet city set back requirements.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to reconsider the Preliminary Plat. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Hoppell would like to table this item until the next City Council meeting so that City Superintendent Beau Ziemer is able to answer the Council's questions.

Councilwoman Balcer motioned to table this item until the next City Council meeting. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. III-A Annual Report by Amy Manning – Amy Manning the Executive Director of IIIA spoke to the Council about the year they had and went over a packet that she had brought with her. Councilwoman Balcer congratulated them on a successful year.
- c. Surplus of Personal Property Bid Awards – **Councilwoman Balcer moved to accept the highest bidders of the Surplus of Personal Property. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- d. Pittman Law Service Contract – Some revision was asked to be made to the Contract. **Councilman Hoppell moved to accept the contract with the changes that was talked about. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call. Councilman Hoppell-yes, Councilwoman Kurth-yes, and Councilwoman Balcer-yes**
- e. Civil, Water & Sewer Engineer Appointment – Councilman Hoppell has some questions and concerns for this appointment. He asked for an Executive Session at the next City Council meeting. **Councilman Hoppell moved to table Civil, Water & Sewer Engineer Appointment. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- f. Library Liaison Appointment – Mayor York appointed Councilwoman Cora Kurth to be the new Library Liaison. **Councilwoman Balcer moved to accept the appointment of Councilwoman Kurth being the new Library Liaison. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Ordinance and Resolutions-Action Items

- a. NONE

Department Reports

- a. Payette County Sheriff Report-No Discussion
- b. November Financial Report-No Discussion
- c. Upcoming Projects Report-No Discussion
- d. December Library Report-No Discussion

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilwoman Balcer is very pleased with the Eagle Scout project done by Simon Boren. She sees people using the waste station baggies. She would like a letter of appreciation signed by the Council. Mayor Rick York would like to have NO PARKING signs in the Blvd added to the next agenda.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk