

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
November 2, 2020
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 2nd of November 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 Beau Ziemer.

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 via Zoom, Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke, and Deputy Clerk Marianne Gatchell.

Guests present were Neil Sung, Griffin Hewitt, Connie Carroll, Mike Carroll, Lisa Binggeli.

October 19th, 2020 City Council Minutes – Action Item

Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the October 19th, 2020 City Council minutes. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals – Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the claim approvals totaling \$21,751.92. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business – (Action Item)

- a. Lawn Mower purchase- 3 attached quotes-Beau Ziemer. Superintendent Beau Ziemer let the Council know that he had budgeted this year \$20,000.00 for Equipment Purchases. That out of the three quotes that were received he is recommending that we go with Exmark Lazer Z X-Series 72” mower. It is more of an industrial mower and is gas powered. The cost is \$15,767.00.

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to approve the purchase of the Exmark Lazer Z X-Series mower for \$15,767.00. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. Well 8 Tank Re-Coating Project Bids- City Engineer Andy Gehrke told the council that there were no bids submitted for this project on bid day. The City is now able to move forward with finding a company to complete the project on their own. Maguire Iron later submitted a cost proposal for the project. Their proposal included both the cost to do just the interior \$191,000.00, and also one to do both interior and exterior \$232,900.00. Beau Ziemer said that there is a \$200,000.00 budget for this project this year. Beau has recommended we do the interior coating and use Maguire Iron. Councilwoman Balcer asked if they submitted a reference sheet with their bid. Andy Gehrke confirmed that they did, but they had not contacted any of the references. But that Maguire Iron has done 5 jobs here in Idaho. City Attorney Dan Chadwick asked if they have a current Public Works license, and if they are covered for this job. Andy Gehrke answered yes to both questions. Councilwoman Balcer would like to table this item until their references have been verified.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to table this item until Maguire Iron’s references can be verified. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. Vacate of Aspen Street- Janet and Neil Sung- Councilwoman Balcer asked Mr. Sung why it is they want this street? Neil Sung explained that when they purchased the property, they were not made aware that this portion of their property was actually owned by the City. Mr Sung is wanting to put a fence around what he is aware of as his property. Beau Ziemer made a recommendation that we NOT Vacate Aspen St. and that we could perhaps allow Mr. and Mrs. Sung to lease the property from the City. A lease agreement had been done in the past by their neighbours Mike and Connie Carroll. Beau Ziemer explained to the Council that we could have future need for Aspen Street as the City grows. Mayor York asked if there was a copy of this past lease agreement. Mike and Connie Carroll said they would look for their copy. The Mayor suggested that leasing the property back from the City would be something that the City would possibly consider. The Mayor asked Mr. Sung if this is something that he would be in agreeance with. Mr. Sung said at this time he is wanting the property he purchased, without a lease option. Mr. Sung is hoping for the resolution he is asking for, which is the City Vacating Aspen St. It was decided that this item be tabled until further information can be reviewed, and the previous lease agreement found.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to table the Vacate of Aspen Street until further information can be provided. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Reports

a. Engineering Status Report- No Discussion

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor York said that Trunk or Treat was a HUGE success, and he was pleased to see so many out enjoying themselves. Councilwoman Balcer asked when the new City Hall project will be starting? She has asked if the Council can be updated monthly of the progress. City Engineer Andy Gehrke said that the architect will be meeting next Monday at 9:00 a.m. on site to start work on his plans. Councilwoman Kurth said GO VOTE!

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk