

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
15 April 2019
Immediately Following Workshop
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 15th of April 2019, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Mayor Beth Earles. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Warnke. Roll call was taken with council members Tom Hoppell, Bill Warnke, Eileen Balcer and Rick York in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were City Attorney Daniel Chadwick, City Clerk Danielle Painter, Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke and Deputy Clerk Alishia Elliott.

Guests present included Cora Kurth, Kylie Travis, Marissa Mullin, Rogelio Cisneros, Erik Juarez, Bradley Graham, Collin Christensen, Colby Andersen, and Kristina Furtado.

April 1st City Council Minutes – Action Item

Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the April 1st City Council minutes. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals – Action Item

Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the claim approvals totaling \$109,715.17. Councilman York seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

- a. Special Event Permit Fee
Opened: 6:05 P.M.
No public testimony was received.
Closed 6:06 P.M.
- b. Right-Of-Way Permit Fee
Opened: 6:06 P.M.
No public testimony was received.
Closed: 6:07 P.M.

New Business – Action Items

- a. Special Event Permit Fee

Councilman Warnke moved to accept the Special Event permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. Right-Of-Way Permit Fee

Councilman Warnke moved to accept the Right-of-Way permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Councilman York seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- c. Attorney Comments

City Attorney Daniel Chadwick spoke to the council about ex parte communication and conflict issues within government. City Attorney Daniel Chadwick recommended the City Council and staff read the “Idaho Ethics in Government Manual” provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

- d. Irrigation Discussion and Rates

The council unanimously decided to set the irrigation maintenance fee to one hundred and eighty-two dollars (\$182) and the irrigation share fee to eighteen dollars (\$18). **Councilwoman Balcer moved to schedule a public hearing on May 6th to set irrigation rates. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Warnke moved to set an irrigation workshop on May 6th at 5:00 P.M. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

- e. West Elm Street Project Contract with Durham Gravel

Councilwoman Balcer moved to have the mayor sign the West Elm Street project contract. Councilman York seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York – Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes’s and 0 no’s.

f. Accessible Loading Zone – Senior Center

Councilwoman Balcer moved to designate two parking spaces in front of the New Plymouth Senior Center at 124 N Plymouth Ave as accessible passenger loading/unloading zones. Councilman York seconded the motion. Motion carried.

g. Feral Cat Discussion

The mayor informed the council of the recent feral cat feeding issues brought to her attention by a resident. The mayor and council discussed updating the city code to clarify that feeding feral cats is against the law in New Plymouth. The council discussed the current city code and asked City Attorney to add the information to an ordinance and bring it back to the City Council to review.

Department Reports

Public Works Admin. Report, March Public Works Report, and Payette County Sherriff's Report.

- The council reviewed the department reports. The council discussed the Kiwanis Park building construction setbacks, well 8 and SCADA issues that were in the Public Works Admin Report. The council unanimously decided to not require the Public Works Report in future department reports.

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilman Hoppell informed the council that the city will know soon if they will be awarded the grant for the Kiwanis bathrooms or not.

Mayor Earles requested information from City Clerk Danielle Painter about the interest accrued from the LGIP account.

Councilman York commented on canal safety since the water will be in the canals this week.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Beth Earles, Mayor

Alishia Elliott, Deputy Clerk