

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
18 April 2016
6:30 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 18th of April, 2016, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Beth Earles. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Ron Rouse. Roll call was taken with council members Ron Rouse, Bill Warnke, Rick York and Cora Kurth in attendance.

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

Guests included Jan Morrison, Mary Kirkpatrick, Jim White, and Cameron White.

Regular Agenda – Councilman Rouse moved to approve the regular agenda. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included April 4th, 2016 City Council minutes, public works report, Payette County Sheriff's report, March financial report, and claims totaling \$84,711.84. Councilwoman Kurth moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Old Business
None

New Business

ITD TAP funding opportunities presented by Andy Gehrke -
City Engineer Andy Gehrke provided the council with a packet of information regarding the ITD Tap funding program. Mr. Gehrke explained that the maximum funds you can receive is \$500,000. The estimated match amount is \$40,000. The project must be focused on the pedestrian aspect, such as bike routes or walking paths. Mr. Gehrke thought the second half of the "Horseshoe Park Pathway" would be a project that met the requirements for the application. **Councilman Rouse moved to approve that City Engineer Andy Gehrke apply for the ITD TAP funding program. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Dog Tag License -

The city council discussed the different options for 3 year dog licenses and 10 year dog licenses. There was discussion regarding the regulation of the tags and how the city would handle the 3 year tags compared to the single year tags. **Councilman York moved to table this item, until more information is provided. Councilman Rouse seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Declare Surplus -

The city council was provided with a short list of surplus items. There was discussion regarding the auction service. Public Works Supervisor Beau Ziemer was requested to find out more information about the auction service and provide his findings to the council. **Councilman York moved to table the "declare surplus" item. Councilman Rouse seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Rock Chuck Control -

Mayor Earles informed the council of the recent trip she took on the W Blvd alley, the rock chuck population was very noticeable and she stated "they aren't small". Something that Mayor Earles looked into was having City Attorney Bert Osborn make an exception to the discharging firearms in city limits ordinance. This exception would be only for public works employees, for the purpose of controlling the

rock chuck population. Officer Carter advised that the city notify any residents in the vicinity, of when they will be shooting and where. The city should also notify Payette County dispatch. The council discussed the advantages of allowing public works to control the rock chuck population. **Councilman York moved to create an ordinance that makes an exception, allowing public works to maintain and control the rock chuck population. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Credit Card Processing – BDS & Access Idaho -

City Clerk Danielle Painter informed the council of the recent problems the city is experiencing with their credit card processing company. Mrs. Painter has been researching different credit card processing companies and has narrowed it down to two different options. BDS and Access Idaho were the two contenders. BDS charges a start-up fee and a monthly maintenance fee, and the citizen is charged 3.5% for every transaction. Access Idaho is free of charge for municipalities and the citizen is only charged 3%. City Clerk recommended the council designate Access Idaho as the city's credit card processing company. **Councilman York moved to accept Access Idaho, and have Mayor Earles sign the contract. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken; Councilman Ron Rouse – Yes; Councilman Bill Warnke – Yes; Councilman Rick York – Yes; and Councilwoman Cora Kurth-Yes. The motioned passed with 4 yays and 0 nays.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance #349 – Abatement

Councilman York requested section 6-10-5 (A) be changed from allowing 3 days to remove furniture and appliances to 7 days. York felt like this would allow people an adequate amount of time to get rid of furniture or appliances. **Councilman York moved to change the time allowed for appliances and furniture to be outside of a building or house, section 6-10-5 (A), from 3 days to 7 days. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinance #350 – Official Newspaper

Councilman Warnke moved to pass Ordinance #350, designating “The New Plymouth Record” as the city’s official newspaper; read by title only; and suspend 2nd and 3rd reading. Councilman York seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken; Councilman Rouse- Yes; Councilman Warnke-Yes; Councilman York-Yes; and Councilwoman Kurth-Yes. The motioned passed with 4 yays and 0 nays. City clerk then read the ordinance by title only. **Councilman Warnke moved to adopt ordinance #350. Councilman Rouse seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken; Councilman Rouse- Yes; Councilman Warnke-Yes; Councilman York-Yes; and Councilwoman Kurth-Yes. The motioned passed with 4 yays and 0 nays.**

Public Comments

Cameron White thanked the council for allowing him to do his eagle scouts project through the city and informed them of his graduation at the Payette County Fairgrounds, if any members would like to attend.

Jan Morrison spoke of the dog tags, and how the lettering on the tag she just recently purchased has been rubbed off. Councilman Warnke requested Ms. Morrison bring in the tag to the council so they can decide on what they would like to do.

Mayor and Council Comments

None

Adjournment

Councilman Rouse moved to adjourn the council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kurth. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Approve:

Attest:

Beth Earles, Mayor

Alishia Elliott, Deputy City Clerk