

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
18 March 2019
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 18th of March 2019, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Beth Earles. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Balcer. Roll call was taken with council members Tom Hoppell, Bill Warnke, Rick York and Eileen Balcer 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 Debbie Mills-Smith, Genny Barton, Cora Kurth, Phil Pittman, Dan Blocksom, Ross Pittman, and Linda Opdahl.

March 4th City Council Minutes – Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer moved to amend the minutes to reflect the rejection of Ordinance 389: “Amendment of Title 11, Chapter 17 – Granting Final Action for Variances to City Council” and releasing number 389 to allow for a future ordinance. Councilman York seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the March 4th City Council minutes with the amendments. Councilman York seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals – Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the claim approvals totaling \$49,456.94 Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

a. Vacation of Alley – 317 W Park (Pittman)

Opened: 6:03 P.M.

The applicant, Phil Pittman, approached the City Council and explained the need for the vacation request. Mr. Pittman explained that when the house was first built a variance was approved for the old house to be built five feet from the property line that borders the unused alley. When the Pittman’s started building the new house, they realized that there was an abandoned alley adjacent to the property. Phil Pittman informed the council that he has an agreement with Edward and Nancy Holloway to purchase their half of the alley if the vacate is approved. Phil Pittman introduced the civil engineer, Dan Blocksom, that assisted with the vacate application. Councilman Warnke asked if there are any utilities in the alley. Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer stated that there are no city utilities in the alley adjacent to 317 W Park. Mr. Blocksom informed the council that there is easement for the City of New Plymouth included in the quitclaim deeds.

Mayor Earles read the written responses received from Hwy District 3 and Idaho Transportation Department. They had no opposition to the application.

No public testimony was received.

Closed: 6:10 P.M.

New Business – Action Items

a. Vacation of Alley – 317 W Park (Pittman)

Councilman York moved to approve the vacation of the alley adjacent to 317 W Park Ave upon adoption of Ordinance 391, as requested by Phillip Pittman. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Quitclaim Deed – Edward & Nancy Holloway

Quitclaim Deed – Phillip & Kay Pittman

Quitclaim Deed – Viola Wall

Councilwoman Balcer moved to accept the quitclaim deeds for Edward and Nancy Holloway; Phillip and Kay Pittman; and Viola Wall, upon the adoption of Ordinance 391. Councilman York seconded the motion. Motion carried. 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.

c. Zoning & Library Board Resignations

Councilman Warnke moved to accept the Zoning and Library Board resignations of Garrett Chamberlain and Kevin Miller. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. Library Board Appointment – Robert Sprague
Mayor Earles appointed Robert Sprague to the Library Board. **Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the appointment of Robert Sprague to the Library Board. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

e. Irrigation Issues
The council discussed the irrigation issues with Farmer's Irrigation and the shares. **Councilman Hoppell moved to pay Farmers Irrigation Company the remaining amount owed. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.** The council also discussed the different options for increasing the irrigation rates. City Attorney Daniel Chadwick recommended setting up an irrigation workshop. **Councilman York moved to set an irrigation workshop for April 15th at 5 P.M. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

f. Notice of Award, Recommendation Letter & Bid Tabulation – Horseshoe Park Pathway & Southwest Avenue Improvements
City Engineer Andy Gehrke recommended the approval of Granite Excavations bid. Councilwoman Balcer asked what the start date is. City Engineer Andy Gehrke informed the council that the start date is April 15th. **Councilman Hoppell moved to accept Granite Excavations bid of four hundred-thousand thirty-four dollars and ninety cents (\$400,034.90) for the Horseshoe Park Pathway and Southwest Avenue improvements. Councilwoman Balcer 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.**

g. Establish Special Event Fee
The council unanimously decided a special event fee of fifty dollars (\$50). **Councilwoman Balcer moved to set a public hearing for the special event fee of fifty dollars (\$50). Councilman York seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

h. FY2020 Budget Hearing
Councilman Warnke moved to set the FY2020 budget hearing for August 5th at 6 P.M. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

i. Spring Clean Up Dates
Councilman Warnke moved to set the spring clean up dates for March 22nd through May 6th. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Reports

February Financials, February Public Works Report, Payette County Sheriff's Report, and Engineering Status Report.

- The council reviewed the department reports. No discussion was held.

Ordinances & Resolutions

a. Ordinance 391 – Vacating a 16' Public Alley located by 317 W Park Avenue
Councilwoman Balcer moved to read ordinance 391 by title only. 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. Deputy Clerk Alishia Elliott read ordinance 391 by title only. **Councilwoman Balcer moved to accept the first reading and suspend the second and third readings. Councilman Warnke 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.** **Councilman Hoppell moved to adopt ordinance 391. 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.**

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilman York asked that public works set up ecology blocks back by the dumpster to allow the citizens to put the trash in there and have the workers load it into the dumpster. Councilman York also asked for some input on the Senior Citizens Center sign that Mayor Earles presented. The sign was too heavy and big for the seniors to move around and store. Councilman Hoppell asked if the council knew of any contractors that would be willing to help out the Senior Citizens Center with the grant they received for replacing the stainless-steel sinks.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Beth Earles, Mayor

Alishia Elliott, Deputy Clerk