

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

On the 21st of March, 2016, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Beth Earles. Roll call was taken with council members Ron Rouse, Bill Warnke, Cora Kurth, and Rick York in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Danielle Painter and Deputy Clerk Alishia Elliott.

Guests included Chip Drerup, Steve and Deb Bliss, Joe and Colleen Cook, Dewayne Mayer, Ron Chapman, Henry Jones, Brian Olson, Tim McBride, Richard Postlethuit, Barbara Postlethuit, Charles Watkins, Melinda Gifford, Wayne Gifford, Owen Spurling, Ronald Hart, Dale Dillion, Ron Hallam, Randy Frates, Jan Morrison, Edgar Edmondson, Mary Kirkpatrick, Lisa Wells, Michael McCormick, Joe Carver, and Lisa Binggeli.

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

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included March 7th, 2016 council minutes, March 9th, 2016 Animal Control Board minutes, February finance report and claims totaling \$12,069.19. Councilman York moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Old Business

The New Plymouth Record

Councilman York moved to bring “The New Plymouth Record” back on the table for discussion. Councilman Rouse seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mary Kirkpatrick provided information from the state regarding requirements of a newspaper to become a city’s official newspaper. The council was given a few minutes to look over the information that was provided to them. **Councilman York moved to accept The New Plymouth Record as New Plymouth’s official city newspaper, and also publish budget in the Independent Enterprise as well. Councilman Rouse seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Business

Animal Control Board

Mayor Earles asked the council if they would like to see any changes in the ordinance, for the animal control board. Councilman Warnke recommended the council leave it the way it is until they see the updated ordinance form the city attorney. Councilman York requested that the board meet quarterly. **Councilman Warnke moved to change the ordinance so that it states, the board meets at a minimum of quarterly and as needed. Councilman Rouse added that the council have this information updated by the city attorney in the upcoming ordinances. Councilman York requested that the animal control board member requirements stay the same. Councilman Warnke amended his motion to include the items discussed by Councilman Rouse and Councilman York. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Tim McBride – Military orders of Purple Heart; Pledge of Allegiance; POW MIA flag

Mr. McBride asked the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Tim McBride informed the audience and council that they proudly made the city of New Plymouth a Purple Heart city a couple months ago. McBride stated that he heard the council and mayor stopped doing the pledge of allegiance and removed the POW/MIA flag from city hall. He felt disrespected by the actions that were taken. McBride asked that the council reinstitute the pledge of allegiance before every meeting and reinstitute the flying of the POW/MIA flag. Mayor Earles discussed the placement of the flags on the pole and where

the city flag would fly. McBride informed the council that they would need to get a second flag pole if they wanted to fly the city flag.

Pledge of Allegiance Discussion

Councilman Warnke discussed the pledge of allegiance and how he would like to reinstate the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of every council meeting. Warnke also discussed the POW/MIA flag, and how he has felt that the small flag pole with three flags on it never looked aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Councilman Warnke spoke with the Chamber of Commerce and they are willing to fly the POW/MIA flag on their large flag pole at the co-op. Councilman Rouse recommended the city formally request that the US Post Office fly the POW MIA flag on their flag pole. Tim McBride also recommended that a POW/MIA flag is flown inside of city hall. **Councilman Rouse moved to reinstate the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the city council meetings. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. Councilman Warnke moved to write a formal request to the US Post Office in New Plymouth to fly the POW/MIA flag, and to fly the POW/MIA flag inside city hall. Councilman Rouse seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Public Comments

Joe Cook approached the council and informed them that his dog, that was deemed vicious, has been adopted out into a service program. A Boise Bully Breed representative and Capt. Hauntz, with Payette County Sheriff's department, instituted the adoption. Mr. Cook stated that the POW/MIA flag gets overlooked a lot of times.

Chip Drerup approached the council and asked them "Why not have a bigger flag pole?" Councilman Rouse stated that it was still inappropriate to fly three flags on a flag pole. Since, the flags get caught in the signage.

Lisa Bingelli asked the question of why not having two flag poles. Councilman Warnke stated that that is something to bring up during budget time.

Ron Chapman approached the council and laid the POW/MIA flag out on the table, and said "Save you some change, this goes inside."

Owen Spurling approached the council and thanked them for resolving this issue. Mr. Spurling informed the council that you can fly three flags on a flag pole, it just depends on the size of the flags and the size of the flag pole. Mr. Spurling commented on how he lives in a proud city with patriotism, strengthen and a small town feel.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Earles stated that it was not the council's decision to take out the pledge of allegiance from council meetings, or take down the POW/MIA flag. Mayor spoke of how she wanted more of an informal meeting and that is why she took the pledge of allegiance from the council meetings. There was also discussion about the POW/MIA flag.

Councilman York discussed the spring clean-up, and how the residents are free to use it to clean up their yards.

Adjournment

Councilman Warnke moved to adjourn the council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Approve:

Attest:

Beth Earles, Mayor

Alishia Elliott, Deputy City Clerk