

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
March 15, 2021
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 15th of March 2021, 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 City Engineer Andy Gehrke.

Roll call was taken with council members Bill Warnke, Tom Hoppell, Cora Kurth, and Eileen Balcer present.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Danielle Painter, Deputy Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke, and City Attorney Dan Chadwick.

Guest's present were Mike Halley, and Dave Sotutu.

March 1st, 2021 City Council Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the March 1st, 2021 City Council Minutes. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- Action Item

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to approve claim approvals totalling \$109,256.79. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

- a. Subdivision Ordinance 413- resolves a conflict in the current ordinance definition of what constitutes a subdivision.

Open Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. No Discussion. Close Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

New Business – (Action Item)

- a. David Sotutu- Safe School Zone Plan

Mr. Sotutu wanted to follow up the discussion from the previous city council meeting about the Safe School Zone Project. He said that the school is here to offer their support in partnering with the city on this project. He wanted to thank the city for their decision to work together with them. He discussed the Professional Services Agreement that was done by HECO. He said that the school is in agreement with the terms of the PSA and is ready to move forward.

- b. School Pedestrian Crossing Professional Services Agreement- Superintendent Beau Ziemer presented the plan from HECO saying that the total cost of \$11,453.00 would be split between the school and the city with each party paying \$ 5726.50. If the city is in agreeance with this amount, then each party would pay HECO directly. Beau also mentioned that everything in HECO's design plan is standard for these types of projects. Beau said that we currently have the budget to pay for our half of the design plan and it is his recommendation that we move forward and accept this PSA.

Councilman Warnke made a motion that we accept the PSA for the School Pedestrian Crossings. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilman Hoppell, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

- c. Well 8 Tank Re-Coat Bids-

City Engineer Andy Gehrke said that the rebids were due for Well 8 Tank Re-Coat on 3/4/2021, no bids were received. There were 3 prime bid holders interested in the project, but no one turned in bids. One

company, McGuire Iron is still interested but they were concerned with the timeline within the contract and the bid bond. Beau said that this is a big project for us to not have received any bids. His suggestion is to instead start on some other smaller projects that are on the list that need to be done. This would give us some time to have discussions face to face this next year with some other companies that have done this type of work. City Attorney Dan Chadwick said that the city can authorize an expiration of the negotiation of the project. It would be on record that no bids were received, and the city can then go out on the open market to find a company to do the work at a later date. Councilwoman Balcer asked what type of advertising is done for this type of bid? Andy said that it is advertised in the paper of record as well as the CDM which is a website that contractors use for projects that are available. Councilwoman Balcer said that perhaps we could reach out to other cities to see who has done this type of work for them. Councilman Warnke asked how vital it is that the is done now? Beau Ziemer said he feels that we would be fine waiting a year or two, that there are other projects that need to be done and can be done. DEQ has not given the city a deadline for when the tank work has to be completed. Andy Gehrke agreed with Beau saying that the tank mixer & the chlorinator for Well 9 could be done first while we find a company to do the work on Well 8. Mayor York said he felt like it would be a good idea that we move forward with the tank mixer and chlorinator for Well 9 now and take this next year to go out on the open market for Well 8. Dan Chadwick reminded the council that doing it this way means we will not have to do the bid process again.

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to declare that since no bids were received there for, we will go out on the open market to look for companies to do the Well 8 tank re-coat. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance (Action Item)

- a. Ordinance 413- Resolves a conflict in the current ordinance definition of what constitutes a subdivision. **Councilman Warnke made a motion to read Ordinance 413 by title only, suspending the 2nd and 3rd reading. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilman Hoppell, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes, Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.**

City Clerk Danielle Painter read aloud Ordinance 413 by title only.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the reading of Ordinance 413. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilman Hoppell, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 413. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilman Hoppell, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. February Sheriff's Report- No Discussion

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilwoman Balcer said it looked like someone had hit one of the frisbee golf stations. Beau said that they had already found out who did it and have received restitution for it. That it should be repaired soon. Councilman Warnke said that he sees tons of ATV's up and down the Blvd and on the pathway and even in the grassy area. Beau said that there are signs posted saying NO motorized vehicles on the pathway, it is against city code. Danielle said that when that happens the sheriff should be called. She also said that there will be 3 more patrol officers and we should see more of a presence in town. So hopefully that will help.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk