

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
October 19, 2020
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 19th of October 2020, 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 Marianne Gatchell.

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

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

Guests present were Griffin Hewitt.

October 5th, 2020 City Council Minutes – Action Item

Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the October 5th, 2020 City Council minutes as amended. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals – Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the claim approvals totaling \$30,683.00. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business – (Action Item)

- a. Black Mountain Software/Cloud Hosting Tabled on 10/05/20 Meeting-
Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to open discussion on the Black Mountain Software/Cloud Hosting tabled from the October 5, 2020 City Council Meeting. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilwoman Balcer thanked the staff at Black Mountain for answering her questions regarding security measures for their software. **Councilwoman Balcer approved the Black Mountain Software/Cloud Hosting Service. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- b. Surplus Property-Beau Ziemer- Beau Ziemer asked that the Council allow him to use Musick Auction in Nampa Idaho to auction the chevy 4x4 pick up.
Councilman Hoppell made a motion to accept the Surplus Property and auction by Musick Auction in Nampa Idaho. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Lagoon Seepage Testing Professional Services Agreement- Discussion was held between the council members regarding the Lagoon Seepage Testing. Councilman Hoppell questioned putting pond 4 back in service. Other council members felt that pond 4 was valuable and needed to be added to the seepage testing.
Councilman Hoppell made a motion to approve the Lagoon Seepage Testing Professional Agreement and give Mayor York permission to sign the contract. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilman Hoppell, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Motion carried.
- d. Safe School Zone Plan-Discussion between the New Plymouth School Superintendent David Sotutu, ITD and Superintendent Beau Ziemer regarding adding the Safe School Zone Plan as an addendum to our Transportation Master Plan. It was decided that it was in the Cities best interest to include this plan

to our own.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to add the New Plymouth Safe School Zone Plan to the Transportation Master Plan. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. Payette County Sheriff's Report- No Discussion

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor York brought up his concern with accounting and budget being discussed outside of council meetings with department heads, and councilmembers. The mention of Councilman Hoppell's name was brought up more than once. The Mayor asked Councilman Hoppell about these incidents. Councilman Hoppell responded saying that he had met with Superintendent Beau Ziemer to discuss accounting and inconsistencies in the budget, specifically line items. Councilman Hoppell shared his concern with how this affects the budget. City Clerk/Treasurer Danielle Painter addressed the budget and line items. She explained that each line item entered in the budget that was in question shows that it was placed in the correct budget. The only way for those items to be moved from that specific budget is by a journal entry showing where it was moved. There is not journal entry for any of the budget line items in question. Councilman Hoppell questioned the coding of specific invoices. Danielle Painter explained the process of invoices and how they are coded. Each invoice is sent to the appropriate Department head, they code each invoice, with the exception of the Idaho Power invoices, which Beau Ziemer has given a code sheet for each invoice and only these invoices from Idaho Power are coded by Danielle Painter for Beau Ziemer. The invoices are then coded in the accounting program by the deputy clerk. Danielle Painter will present the September Financials when the audit is complete, which will show the line items in question and the correct placement of said line items.

Mayor York asked the in the future to avoid conflict, if there are concerns, they need to be brought up directly to the appropriate department head. He is fine with this happening outside of council meetings, as long as it is done correctly.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk