

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
March 1, 2021
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 1st of March 2021, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 5:59 P.M. by Mayor Rick York.

The pledge of allegiance was led by City Attorney Dan Chadwick.

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, Marc and Danielle Haus, and Dave Sotutu.

February 16th, 2021 City Council Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve February 16th, 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 \$4,347.56. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business – (Action Item)

- a. IIIA Annual Report presented by Amy Manning by via zoom

Amy Manning from IIIA gave many thanks to the council for letting City Clerk Danielle Painter serve as a Board Trustee for IIIA. She said that Danielle was a very big asset to the board. Currently there are 79 partnering agencies, with 1,500.00 employees and just under 5000 dependents. IIIA was the first group in the state of Idaho to cover 100% of Covid-19 testing and treatment. As of November 30th 2020, the Trust has paid out \$800,000.00 in Covid-19 treatments. They submitted a claim at the state level and did receive \$782,000.00 back in federal funding. They have created a telehealth program that is available 24 hrs a day at no cost to employees. Mental health hit the top 5 list in spending for the first time in ten years. IIIA has piloted a mental health screening program where they are pushing to take the stigma out of mental health and wellness. IIIA is ten years old this year.

The Mayor and council thanked Amy Manning for the great presentation and gave their gratitude for acknowledging the need for mental health awareness and for providing resources to their members.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to accept the Annual Report for IIIA. Councilwoman Kurth seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Mike Halley Safe School Zone Plan- Mike Halley spoke to the council and the Mayor about moving forward with the Safe School Zone Plan. He is asking the city council to help cover the costs of the project and work with the School District to make this happen. Mark Haus spoke about the urgency of getting this project up and rolling for the safety of our children. He said that it is not just a safety issue but also an insurance issue. Beau Ziemer said that while we are figuring out the budgeting, we could start with making a plan with Heco for shovel ready projects so that once the funding is figured out, we can get started fairly quickly. The council agreed that once we get hard numbers of the cost of these projects both the school district and the city could then know how much it would need from both parties to make this happen. Andy Gehrke said that Holiday Engineering would provide a contract with the school directly for each

project. This would be the first step. Andy and Beau will work together to get an updated cost and have a Professional Service Agreement ready for the next city council meeting.

- c. Spring Clean Up Dates- The Mayor and council discussed the best options for spring clean up this year. The dumpster will be available to the public from March 15th, 2021 through April 11th, 2021.
Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the Spring Clean Up dates for March 15th, 2021 through April 11th, 2021. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. Engineering Status Report- Councilwoman Balcer asked for an update on the Family Dollar site. City Engineer Andy Gehrke explained that their plans had been denied because they did not meet the requirements for parking spaces per city code. Andy is anticipating new plans to be submitted. Power to the Kiwanis Park restrooms has been installed. They are waiting for the weather for concrete to be completed. Heco is currently working on the plan and specs for the city hall remodel.

Mayor & Council Comments

Spring is coming! Mayor York thanked the Public Works crew for doing such a good job keeping the streets cleaned up.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk