

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
January 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 4th of January 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 Mayor York.

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

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

Guests present were Griffin Hewitt, Richard Denson.

December 21, 2020 City Council Minutes – Action Item

Councilman Warnke moved to approve the December 21, 2020 City Council minutes. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals – Action Item

Councilman Hoppell moved to approve the claim approvals totaling \$7,323.49. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business – (Action Item)

a. Rick Denson- Ordinance Related Issues

Mr. Denson who resides at 224 Holly Ave brought forth his concerns with junk, broken down unlicensed vehicles, including motor homes etc. within the City limits. He was disappointed with the over lack of care about what our city looks like from its residents. Mr. Denson brought photos of properties to which he was speaking about. He has asked what the City can do to remedy this situation. He just doesn't want to see the City being treated like a junk yard. City Clerk Danielle Painter said that these are definite ordinance violations. The City contracts with the Payette County Sheriff's Dept to enforce ordinance violations. Council has asked that Danielle give the photos to the Sheriff's Dept. to address these issues. She will be contacting the Sheriff's Dept. and giving them copies of the photo's brought in so that these issues can be dealt with. The Mayor thanked Mr Denson for taking the time to bring this to the Council's attention.

b. City Hall Remodel Design Tabled from December 21, 2020-

Councilman Hoppell made a motion to open discussion on the City Hall Remodel Design tabled from December 21, 2020 Meeting. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Clerk Danielle Painter explained why it had been tabled and that the Council had some issues with the layout of the current plans of the City Council Meeting room. Councilwoman Balcer is wanting the Council to be more presented to the public. Councilman Hoppell doesn't want our backs to be facing the public. Councilman Warnke explained the measurements of the room from the plans scale and why there isn't many options for lack of room. The discussion was held between Council and City Engineer Andy Gehrke for possible options. It was decided on that Andy Gehrke will look in to changing the current plans by shifting the Councils table to the far right of the room. There will be a raised platform for three Council members and a floor level table for the other two Council members. There will be a table along the wall for the rest of the employees that attend the Council meetings. This item will be brought back to the

Council once the city's Engineer can create new plans with the changes discussed. No motion was needed.

c. Approval of City Council Meeting Dates & Times-

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the City Council Meeting Dates & Times for 2021. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. City Hall COVID-19 Closure-

The Council agreed that keeping the staff and patrons safe is the main priority. The Mayor asked if business was still being conducted like usual and if patron's needs were being met. City Clerk Danielle Painter said that everything was still being handled just as if we were open. Mayor York said that we will revisit this again at the next meeting on January 19th. The decision will take into consideration what stage we are in & what other nearby cities are doing.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to remain closed and revisit on January 19th.

Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

e. Mask Requirements-

The Mayor wanted feedback on the idea of us asking local businesses to encourage their patrons to wear masks while in their establishments. This could be revisited down the road depending on the stages of our county.

Ordinances – (Action Item)

a. Ordinance #409-216 S Plymouth Ave Rezoned from Commercial to Res A-

Councilman Warnke moved to read by Title only Ordinance #409, and suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading.

Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Danielle Painter read Ordinance #409 title only.

Councilman Warnke moved to accept Ordinance #409. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Hoppell moved to adopt Ordinance #409. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

b. Ordinance # 410- Vacant Lot Rezoned from Industrial to Commercial-

Councilman Warnke moved to read by Title only Ordinance #410, and suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Danielle Painter read Ordinance #410 title only.

Councilman Warnke moved to accept Ordinance #410. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Warnke moved to adopt Ordinance #410. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

c. Ordinance #411- 200 W Idaho St Rezoned from Industrial to Res A-

Councilman Warnke moved to read by Title only Ordinance #411, and suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Danielle Painter read Ordinance #411 title only.

Councilman Warnke moved to accept Ordinance #411. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Warnke moved to adopt Ordinance #411. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Vote taken: Warnke yes, Kurth yes, Balcer yes, Hoppell yes. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. November Financials FY2020- No Discussion
- b. Engineering Status Report- City Engineer Andy Gehrke went over the report with the Council. It was decided that we will put a rebid on the January 19th City Council agenda for the tank #8 Coating. Kiwanis Park Bathroom restroom: UBC has corrected the 2 items that needed to be addressed. Power has not been run to the bathroom. Concrete work also has yet to be completed. Harvest Creek Subdivision is on the January 25th P & Z Meeting for the preliminary plat.

Mayor & Council Comments

Superintendent Beau Ziemer said that if we got any calls complaining about road conditions that they will be addressed once the weather is better.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk