

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
July 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 17th of July 2023, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Mayor Rick York.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Suzanna Culpepper.

Roll call was taken with council members Heather Airoidi, Cora Kurth, Bill Warnke, and Mayor York present. Eileen Balcer was absent.

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

July 3, 2023, City Council Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Kurth made a motion to approve the minutes from July 3, 2023. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

July 6, 2023, Budget Workshop Minutes- Action Item

Councilman Warnke made a motion to approve the minutes from July 6, 2023. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- Action Item

Councilwoman Airoidi made a motion to approve the claim approvals totalling \$31,190.90. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- Zone Change from Industrial to Res A at 325 E Idaho - (Action Item)

Open Public Hearing 6:05 p.m.

Applicant Testimony- Robert Greenwood 7405 Irene Place Caldwell ID 83607.

Mr. Greenwood's parents owned the property for years but have both since passed. Mr. Greenwood would like to be able to sell the property, but as it is zoned now the property is currently non- conforming. He is asking for it to be changed from Industrial to Res A.

Public Testimony

In Favor: None

Neutral:

Dale Williamson 510 East Idaho St.

Against: None

Closing Statement Robert Greenwood. This house was built in the 40's prior to any zoning issues. He just wants to make it compliant to sell.

Close Public Hearing 6:09 p.m.

New Business-

- a. Request for 5' fence on property- 238 SW Blvd- (Action Item) Mike Spencer and Cammie Bashon asked the city council for a variance to keep their current front yard chain link 5' fence with slats. The slats keep the neighborhood children from antagonizing the dog. This will keep their mastiff breed dog contained. He can jump over the 4' fence, and has got out in the past. Because of his size they need the higher fence. This will not only help the dog to be safe and stay in but also keep others safe as well. The dog is currently

undergoing training to be Cammie's service animal. Cammie is a military veteran. Councilwoman Kurth asked if they checked with the city code before building the 5' fence. Mike said he did not, he wasn't aware there was one. Councilwoman Airoidi asked if the 5' fence is keeping the dog in. Mike said so far yes. Councilman Warnke asked if the dog has a current city dog license. Mike said yes, he does. Mayor Rick York mentioned that they make electric fences with collars to keep dogs in their yards. Mike said that they had tried that, but after a few times the dog isn't bothered by it. Discussion between the council. **Councilman Warnke made a motion to deny the 5' fence variance. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion carried.**

- b. Zone Change from Industrial to Res A at 325 E Idaho- (Action Item)
Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the Zone Change from Industrial to Res A for 325 E Idaho. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. School Pedestrian Crossings Project-Change Order No. 2 (Action Item) City Engineer Andy Gehrke said this change order includes an additional 20' of curbing by the high school. It is an increase of \$1598.00. As well as a time extension for the flashing lights.
Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the Change Order No. 2 and allow the mayor to sign. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried.
- d. Irrigation Water Right Application- IDWR Application for Permit- (Action Item) City Engineer Andy Gehrke said the IDWR application for permit is ready for signature and the application fee is \$250.00.
Councilwoman Kurth made a motion to accept the application for IDWR and allow the mayor to sign. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried.
- e. Preliminary Budget for FY2024- (Action Item) City Clerk Danielle Painter explained to the council that the budget program rounds numbers up and drops off cents. The Preliminary Budget that was presented had a higher wage for the clerk's wage than she had verbally stated. The budget number doesn't change however we can move the extra 1.40 per hour to a different expenditure line in the budget. Councilman Warnke stated it would be best to do so for transparency.
Councilman Warnke made a motion to have City Clerk Danielle Painter change the line items to professional services in preliminary budget. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried.

Ordinance 422- Zone Change from Industrial to Res A 325 E Idaho (Action Item)

Councilman Warnke made a motion to read Ordinance 422 by title only and suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading.

Deputy Clerk Marianne Gatchell read Ordinance 422 Zone Change from Industrial to Res A 325 E Idaho St.
Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the reading of Ordinance 422. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried. Councilman Warnke made a motion to adopt Ordinance 422. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 3 yeses. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. Engineering Status Report- Andy Gehrke said Pond 4 Lining Project is advertising for bids opening 8/17/2023.
- b. Library Report- Mayor York said it looked like it's been busy. Councilman Warnke said the numbers are

up, that is good. Librarian Melanie Cope said the summer reading program in June always brings the numbers up.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor York asked Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer about the old merry go round that was in the park. There is a patron that is interested in acquiring it. Beau Ziemer said the city would have to surplus it and then put it up for bid. Beau will get to work on it. Mayor York asked if could start the reader board project and reach out to Superior Signs. Danielle Painter was waiting for Councilwoman Balcer to return from out of town as she has made the original contact with Superior Signs.

Adjournment

Councilman Warnke moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, Deputy Clerk