

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
07 March 2016
6:30 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 7th of March, 2016, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Beth Earles. Roll call was taken with council members Ron Rouse, Bill Warnke, Cora Kurth, and Rick York in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Danielle Painter, Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gerhke, and Deputy Clerk Alishia Elliott.

Guests included Mary Kirkpatrick, Dale Williamson, Janet Morrison, and Ron Chapman.

Regular Agenda – Councilwoman Kurth moved to approve the regular agenda. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included February 16th, 2016 council minutes, February building permits, February shut offs, engineering status report, New Plymouth fire protection district incident report, public works report, Payette County Sherriff's report, January finance report and claims totaling \$20,547.60. Councilwoman Kurth had a few questions regarding certain claims, her questions were answered by Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer and City Clerk Danielle Painter.

Councilman Warnke moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Old Business
None

New Business

The New Plymouth Record

Mary Kirkpatrick, reporter for "The New Plymouth Record", was there to speak for the local newspaper. Mrs. Kirkpatrick informed the council that the newspaper is requesting the city adopt "The New Plymouth Record" as their "official" newspaper. Councilman Warnke requested information on the requirements by the state, for a city to adopt a newspaper as their "official" newspaper. Mary Kirkpatrick will provide the city council with a list of requirements for the next city council meeting.

City Clean Up Dumpster

Councilwoman Kurth spoke out about her thought on the city clean-up dumpster, she said "shouldn't be more than 4 weeks". The council discussed the different dates that would work best for the community and the city. Councilman York requested the dumpster be delivered to City Hall the week before spring break, and after four weeks the dumpster should be evaluated along with the community to see if it needs to stay for two more weeks or not. City Clerk Danielle Painter informed the council that she would like some time to advertise the dumpster, and the end of March would be a good idea to get the dumpster delivered. **Councilwoman Kurth motioned to have the dumpster delivered March 28th, 2016 and be picked up the last week in April. Councilman Rouse seconded the motion. Opposed by Councilman York, motioned passed with majority vote.**

Budget Workshop & Budget Hearing Dates

City Clerk recommended the council schedule the "Budget Public Hearing" for early in August. The City Clerk also recommended the council schedule budget workshops on the 1st or 3rd Monday in June and July, depending on the councils requests for changes in the budget. The council discussed the possible times and dates for the public hearing and workshops. **Councilman Warnke motioned to accept the date, of August 1st, 2016 at 6:30 PM, for the "budget public hearing". Councilman Rouse seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Public Comments

Ron Chapman stated to the council that he is "concerned and disappointed in this council". Mr. Chapman was disappointed because the flags were not present in the council chambers, the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited at the beginning of the meeting, and the POW/MIA flag was taken down. Ron Chapman informed the council that he is a veteran and he believes that what happened is not right and he is not happy.

Dale Williamson informed the council that he submitted a complaint with the State of Idaho and the transportation department, because of an incident that happened near E Blvd. The complaint is not against the city, and Dale consulted with the sheriff. The sheriff assured Mr. Williamson that this matter will be taken care of. Mr. Williamson also stated that he supports the city clean-up dumpster that is provided by the city. Since the council was talking about budget, Mr. Williamson wanted to add that a sound system for the council chambers would be a good topic to bring up during the budget process.

Jan Morrison commented that she was "incensed" that the pledge was not said at the beginning of the meeting, and that the flags were not present.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman York requested that the record state that in the past motion that he voted against, that it be noted the reason why he voted against it is because he wants the dumpster at the City Hall for longer than four weeks.

Mayor Earles stated "I do owe the council an apology" because "the way I acted was not appropriate". There was discussion regarding the flag and pledge of allegiance, and the Mayor's stance on the situation. Councilman Warnke suggested this topic/item be on the next agenda.

Adjournment

Councilman Warnke motioned to adjourn the council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kurth. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Approve:

Attest:

Beth Earles, Mayor

Alishia Elliott, Deputy City Clerk