

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
TUESDAY
16 January 2018
6:30 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 16th of January 2018, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Earles. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Balcer. Roll call was taken with council members Tom Hoppell, Bill Warnke, Eileen Balcer, and Rick York in attendance.

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

Guests present included Jana Chase and Christy Morales.

January 2nd City Council Minutes – **Councilman Warnke moved to approve the January 2nd City Council minutes. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Engineering Status Report – Councilman Tom Hoppell had some questions about the NPDES Permit and the Horseshoe Park Pathway project. Councilman Hoppell stated his main concern is to get kids safely across the Highway and S Plymouth Ave. Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer explained that the crossings are the city's main concern, but it's ultimately the council's decision on the schedule of the projects. **Councilman York moved to approve the engineering status report. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

December Public Works Report – **Councilman York moved to approve the December Public Works report. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Payette County Sheriff's Report – Councilman Hoppell asked that further information be provided in the report. The council explained that because of privacy reasons they cannot provide more information. **Councilman York moved to approve the Payette County Sheriff's report. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Claim Approvals totaling \$16,860.75 – **Councilwoman Balcer moved to approve the claim approvals. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Citizen Requests RAY BROGAN

Cathy Myers with Brogan Rentals submitted a letter to the council, asking that two of their tenant's accounts, which are past due, be frozen until the council could discuss the bills with Ray Brogan. City Clerk Danielle Painter stated that it is not possible to freeze the account with the city's billing software. Mr. Brogan contacted Councilman Warnke, prior to the meeting, regarding the two accounts. **Councilman Warnke moved to send a letter to property manager, Cathy Myers, stating that what she is asking is not possible because we do not have the technology or software to freeze an account. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Councilman York, Councilwoman Balcer and Councilman Warnke opposed the motion. Councilman Hoppell voted in favor of the motion. The motion failed due to lack of majority.** The council discussed the city code and the options the city has with accounts that are past due. **Councilwoman Balcer moved to follow the city code and send a letter to Ray Brogan that explains the consequences of not paying the bills. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Councilman Warnke recused himself from the vote. Councilman York opposed the motion. Councilwoman Balcer and Councilman Hoppell voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.**

New Business

CITY HALL – STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Councilman York moved to approve that City Engineer Andy Gerhke move forward with the structural engineer assessment for City Hall and the Public Works shop. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

LIBRARY BOARD – PHONE AND INTERNET

Librarian Jana Chase and Library board member Christy Morales updated the council on the current changes with phone and internet that the library is pursuing. The change in phone and internet for the library will be cheaper and more effective.

Ordinances

ORDINANCE 370 – BANK DEPOSITORY

Councilman York moved to read ordinance 370 by title only and suspending the second and third readings. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York – Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 nos. City Clerk Danielle Painter read ordinance 370 by title only. Councilman Warnke moved to accept the first reading of ordinance 370. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York – Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 nos. Councilman Warnke moved to adopt ordinance 370. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York – Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 nos.

ORDINANCE 372 – SEWER ORDINANCE

Councilwoman Balcer moved to read ordinance 372 by title only and to suspend the second and third readings. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York – Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 nos. City Clerk Danielle Painter read ordinance 372 by title only. Councilman Warnke moved to accept the first reading. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York – Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 nos. Councilwoman Balcer moved to adopt ordinance 372. Councilman York seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York – Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 nos.

Executive Session 74-206 1(B) – To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, or public school student.

Councilman York moved to bring the executive session off the table for discussion. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. Councilman Hoppell moved to enter into executive session per I.C. 74-206 1(B) at 7:36 PM. Councilman York seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York - Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 nos.

Councilman York moved to exit executive session at 8:05 PM. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Councilman Hoppell – Yes; Councilman Warnke – Yes; Councilwoman Balcer – Yes; and Councilman York - Yes. The motion passed with 4 yes and 0 nos.

Mayor Appointments

Mayor Earles recommended the appointment of Bert Osborn as City Attorney. **Councilman York moved to accept the appointment of Bert Osborn as City Attorney. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilman York asked that public works fill in some potholes around town.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Beth Earles, Mayor

Alishia Elliott, Deputy Clerk