

The regular meeting of the New Plymouth City Council was held at the New Plymouth City Hall on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Cook, Councilmen Cline, Esplin and Councilwoman Mayer were present. Councilman York was absent.

Guests included Anne Esplin, Andy Gehrke, Beau Ziemer and Angela P'Pool.

The agenda was presented to the Council. Councilman Mayer asked to add "Economic Development Meeting" as item "a" and "Irrigation" as item "b" under "Old Business". Councilman Esplin asked to add "City Fire Department" as item "c" under "Old Business".

**Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

The consent agenda was presented to the Council. The consent agenda included the December and Year-End Police Report, December Library Report, December Public Works Report, January 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes, September Planning and Zoning Minutes, Shut Off List as of January 15<sup>th</sup> and the Approval of Bills totaling \$92,810.97. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

*Old Business:*

- a. **Economic Development Meeting:** Councilwoman Mayer gave a report of the recent economic development meeting and stated that the next meeting would be held February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- b. **Beau Ziemer – Irrigation:** Beau Ziemer explained that a transite water line runs down South Plymouth Avenue along with an irrigation line. Mr. Ziemer explained that because of the proximity of the lines, DEQ would not allow any digging to work on the lines. Mr. Ziemer stated that a transmission line would be constructed to Well #8 and that the transite water line would be taken out of service, allowing work to be done on the irrigation line. Mr. Ziemer presented options for replacing the irrigation line from S.W. 2nd to McKinley. Andy Gehrke stated that it had verbally been discussed with Rural Development to include the project as part of the water project. Mr. Gehrke further explained that Rural Development would request a preliminary engineering report with an addendum for the project. The Mayor and Council encouraged Mr. Ziemer and Mr. Gehrke to pursue the replacement of the irrigation line.
- c. **City Fire Department:** Councilman Esplin asked that the clerk obtain information on the standards of a fire department and funds available to the city. Councilman Esplin stated he would like the city to investigate the possibilities of combining the fire department and quick response department in the same building.

*New Business:*

- a. **State/Local Agreement for East Idaho and Holly Avenue Road Improvements:** Beau Ziemer explained that the project would create an industrial corridor down a portion of Idaho Street and Holly Avenue going north to city limits. Mr. Ziemer explained that improvements would include curb, gutter, sidewalk and lighting. **Councilman Esplin made the motion for the mayor to sign the agreement. Councilman Esplin seconded**

**the motion, which met with full approval.**

- b. **Engineer Selection for East Idaho and Holly Avenue Road Improvements: Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve Holladay Engineering as the engineer for the project. Councilwoman Mayer seconded motion which met with full approval.**
- c. **Andy Gehrke – Wastewater Change Order #2:** Andy Gehrke explained that Noble Ditch required revisions to the design on a concrete cap before approving a permit to cross Noble Ditch. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the change order. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
- d. **Beau Ziemer – Storage Tank Color for Well #9: Councilman Esplin made the motion to designate Buckskin Tan as the color for Well #9. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. Mayer –aye, Esplin – aye, Cline – nay.**
- e. **Laserfiche Proposal:** Angela P’Pool explained that Fisher’s Document Services had presented a proposal for their document managing system. Ms. P’Pool explained that the office would use the system to preserve old documents and enhance searching abilities. Ms. P’Pool added that in order to support the system, that the office computers may need to be updated. Councilman Esplin asked that details be obtained in regards to the costs and available funds to finance the purchases

*Ordinances & Resolutions:*

None.

*Open Forum:*

None.

*Mayor and Council Comments:*

Councilman Esplin expressed his desire that a community Christmas tree be real rather than a manufactured one.

Councilman Cline encouraged new downtown Christmas decorations to have LED lights in order to conserve energy.

**Councilman Esplin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

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Joe Cook, Mayor

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Beth Earles, Deputy Clerk