

The regular meeting of the New Plymouth City Council was held at the New Plymouth City Hall on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Cook, Councilmen Cline, York, Esplin and Councilwoman Mayer were present.

Guests included Cindy Baxter, Nate Ramsey, Riley Baxter, Beth Ann Christensen, Andy Gerhke and Beau Ziemer.

The agenda was presented to the Council. Mayor Cook asked to add “Executive Session per IC 65-2345 Personnel” as item “c” under “Old Business”. Councilman York asked to add “Fire Department” as item “d” 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 January Library Report, January 26<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Minutes, February 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes, February 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting Minutes, February 26<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes, Delinquency List as of February 25<sup>th</sup> and the Approval of Bills totaling \$486,442.07. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

*Old Business:*

- a. **South Plymouth and West McKinley Irrigation (TABLED): Councilman Esplin made the motion to remove the issue from the table for discussion. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.** Beau Ziemer stated that he was still getting bids. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to table the issue. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
- b. **Business License Request – Brandy Gerdau:** Brandy Gerdau explained that she was a certified massage therapist and will be working from the Swank Salon. Councilman York asked what the business hours would be. Ms. Gerdau explained that she works by appointment and that her latest appointment may be 6:00 p.m. **Councilman York made the motion to approve the business license. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
- c. **Executive Session per IC 65-2345 Personnel: Councilman York made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:03 p.m. per IC 65-2345 to discuss personnel issues. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. Cline – aye, Mayer – aye, York – aye, Esplin – aye.**

**Councilman Esplin made the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. Cline – aye, Mayer – aye, York – aye, Esplin – aye.**

**Fire Department:** Councilman York presented a quote from Crown Industrial for a fire station. Councilman York expressed his desire to see the project move forward. Councilman Esplin explained that he would be meeting with Dallas Hawker this week and would report his findings.

*New Business:*

- a. **Holladay Engineering – Sewer Project – Bitterroot Payment Application #6:** **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve Payment #6 for Bitterroot Construction. Councilman York seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
- b. **Treasure Valley Mennonite School – Water Hookup Fee:** Beau Ziemer explained that a main line from the well will be coming down S.W. Avenue and that the Treasure Valley Mennonite School is interested in hooking up to the line. Mr. Ziemer explained that city ordinance does not allow service to those outside city limits. Representatives from the school explained that they will be constructing a new school and that their current water source is above the allowed arsenic level. The representatives explained their interest in receiving water from the city. Councilman Esplin questioned the reasoning for the ordinance. The Council encouraged the representatives to consider annexation into city limits. **Councilman York made the motion to obtain an opinion from the attorney. Councilman Esplin seconded motion which met with full approval.**
- c. **Kiwanis Park Vandalism:** Beau Ziemer informed the council of the damage that has been done in Kiwanis Park. Mr. Ziemer expressed that the problems may increase with warmer weather approaching and asked for ideas. Councilman Esplin suggested a surveillance system. Councilwoman Mayer suggested an article with pictures in the local paper to inform citizens.
- d. **Set Date for Second Interview:** Mayor Cook stated that he would meet with applicants on Thursday. The Mayor and Council expressed that they would like to meet on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.
- e. **Residential B Codes:** Councilman Esplin expressed that he disagrees with the city code allowing mobile and modular homes in the Residential B zone. Councilman Esplin asked if the council was open to looking at the ordinance. The Council stated that they would be willing to look at any information that Councilman Esplin could present.

*Ordinances & Resolutions:*

None.

*Mayor and Council Comments:*

Councilman York stated that when property owners parked on Plymouth Avenue that it left no room for customers to park. Councilman York explained that the alley was paved for the purpose of providing parking for property owners.

The Council recognized two boy scouts in the audience and had them explain their reason for attending. The scouts explained that they were working on their communication merit badge.

Councilman Esplin expressed congratulations to the New Plymouth Wrestling team. Councilman York asked that a letter of commendation be sent to the team.

**Councilman Esplin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 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