

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
15 July 2013
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 15th of July 2013, the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 6:56 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Warnke, Esplin. Councilman York was not in attendance.

Staff members in attendance was Danielle Painter and Beau Ziemer.

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

Consent Agenda – **Councilman Warnke motioned to approve consent agenda. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Old Business

New Plymouth City Fire Protection Report Status and Discussion – Councilman Esplin discussed with the council some ideas that might work for the City of New Plymouth. He is a little dishearten with the unprofessionalism that the Fire Commissioners have shown. At one point we had all things worked out and then we get letters and we send letters with no response. There is a lot of confusion that Councilman Esplin sees on both sides. It was suggested that the city could look into starting up their own fire department or also look into being annexed into the fire district. Councilman Warnke feels that we only have a couple options with Oct 1st fast approaching. One option was to go the Fire Board meeting and get a feel as to why they want a great deal of more money and the second option is to go public and make sure the people of New Plymouth are fully aware of what has been going on. Have a headline stating Rural to raise contract 105% for Fire Protection. That would hopefully get someone's attention. Councilwoman Mayer asked if they have responded to any of our requests and City Clerk informed her that the Commissioners have not responded. Councilman Warnke mentioned with the contract that was received by the City from the Commissioners for \$45,000 a year non-negotiable, we should have made a motion to reject the offer and sent back a counter offer. Councilman Warnke would like to change their contract to say \$25,000 and cross off non-negotiable. Councilman Esplin added to that and said he would like some requests met along with the yearly amount they would be receiving. It the lack of training that has brought down the fire rating and that is what some of the funds that we pay in should go to. Council would like to have the City Attorney put a counter offer together and it needs to request that the City be informed what our money is covering and a full budget needs to be published. The council finds it difficult to believe that a full budget does not have to be published. The council also would like to know about an audit. When was the last audit done? Councilwoman Mayer asked if we could call a special meeting Monday, July 22nd so a counter offer can be signed by all council members and we can find out from our city attorney if a full budget needs to be published or not. Councilman Esplin mentioned we contract with Payette County and provide them parking and an office. Why couldn't we do the same with Fruitland? Have them keep a truck here and have a contract with them? Council decided to keep this open as an option. Councilwoman Mayer would still like to send a counter offer first before the next council meeting and see what kind of response we can get. **Councilman Warnke motioned to reject the Rural Fire Department contract offer of \$45,000.00 and send counter offer of \$25,000 with conditions. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.** Councilwoman would like it noted in the minutes that she would like to encourage the Fire Commissioners to show up for negotiations when we are asking them to communicate with us.

New Business

Senior Centre Bingo Night – The board members are looking into the requirements in order to hold a Bingo night on Friday evenings. The board would like to know if the council has any objections to them hosting a bingo night. Councilwoman Mayer explained she doesn't see any problems with it as long as the Senior Centre follows all state laws for hosting a bingo game. **Councilman Esplin motioned to approve the Senior Centre to host a Bingo Night as long as all state regulations are followed. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session – **Councilwoman motioned for executive session under code 67-2345 (b). Councilman Esplin motioned to exit into executive session. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Council meeting was called back to order at approximately 7:25 pm.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Warnke thought it was a good meeting tonight and were able to cover a lot of ground tonight. Councilwoman Mayer agreed.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk