

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
MONDAY  
16 April 2012  
7:00 p.m.  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2012 the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Warnke and Esplin in attendance. Councilman York was absent.

Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

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

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

#### Old Business

Review of Personnel Manual, Chapter 11 Procedures for Individual Departments Article B. Public Works Department – Beau Ziemer stated that the amount under question was changed in the budget but the amount was not updated in the Personnel Manual for the city. The amount to be changed was \$100.00 each 6 months for clothing allowance. The new amount, already in the budget, is \$200.00 each 6 months for clothing allowance.

#### New Business

Oregon Ave – Hammerhead turnaround – Mr. Ziemer discussed the turnaround and the conditions surrounding the discussions between the neighbors. It appears that the turn around and requirements of the development were completed. There is a child living in the neighborhood whose hearing is impaired. The mother of the child is concerned that because of the child's impairment, the child may not hear traffic in the area and that there could be danger to her from cars in the area. Signage was discussed. The turnaround was discussed and the fire district was to have approved the turnaround. There is no written documentation stating that the fire district approved the turn around. There is a sign in the area now stating that there is a deaf child in the neighborhood. There was discussion that the turn around was approved and that the planning and zoning commission had signed off on the development. **Councilman Warnke moved that the city go ahead and put in a sign as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.** Councilman Esplin asked if the Mayor would like to write a letter to Debbie about the situation. He agreed.

Todd LaBarrea of 800 Oregon Ave stood and expressed his dismay and concerns regarding the hammerhead turnaround. He stated that it is not large enough and would not accept a fire truck turning around on it. It is gravel only and probably would not carry the weight of a fire truck. He stated that the Sigmans' are good people but there have been problems with where to turn around causing people to turn into the turn around area or into private drives which has caused Mr. Sigman concerns. Private drives are not to be used by the public and he has thought that the turn around is his private property. There have been problems with people turning around in the area since the hammerhead was installed. The council listened and determined to move forward with the sign installation and monitor the situation before any further action.

SE Blvd water meters – This property is owned by Ray Brogan and there are 7 manufactured homes on the parcel and there is one empty space yet to be filled. Beau Ziemer presented information to the council regarding Mr. Brogan wanting to install meters on this property for each mfg home/residence. Beau wanted the council to suggest what they thought would be appropriate for the cost of meters for Mr.

Brogan. Councilman Esplin stated that the property is not zoned as a trailer park. He is concerned that the current use is not correct, regardless of what approvals he may have obtained earlier. Councilman Esplin is concerned that more meters may send the message that the use is appropriate. Councilman Warnke suggested that this discussion should be held with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Esplin stated that the meter cost in this situation should be \$1000.00 per meter. There was discussion stating that the property may be zoned commercial. Councilwoman Mayer expressed her desire to see the property rezoned. Discussion eventually brought out that the property was zoned Residential B. Councilman Esplin suggested that the zoning issue should be discussed with the Planning and Zoning Commission. **Councilman Esplin moved that the rate for meters be kept at the current rate. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

#### Ordinances and Resolutions

Personnel Manual, Chapter 11 Procedures for Individual Departments Article B. Public Works Department **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the change to the personnel manual and that it be read by title only and suspend the reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.** City Clerk Jensen read in the change to the Personnel Manual. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve Personnel Manual, Chapter 11 Procedures for Individual Departments Article B. Public Works Department, 11 B – 1 and 11 B – 2 as submitted and read. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

#### Open Forum

None

#### Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Warnke asked about the burning ordinance. There have been instances where burning has been going on after hours. Also materials which should not be burned are being burned in burn barrels and other places in the city. Beth Ann Christensen read the burning ordinance to the council. It was determined that the item should be put on the agenda for the next meeting. A citizen asked about our elevation sign which has been posted at City Hall. There was some discussion on this matter. The Kiwanis club also volunteered to help pay for the installation of some cameras to be placed in the Kiwanis Park.

#### Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

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Joe Cook, Mayor

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Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer