

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
20 September 2010
7:00 p.m.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

The council meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline and Esplin in attendance. Councilman York was absent.

Staff members in attendance were Leon K. Jensen and Beth Ann Christensen. Guests included Bob Haggerty, Dallas Hawker, Deb Molthen, John VanAuker, Kelly Hunsaker, Brian Aransino, Ben Coburn, Ray Zahm, Dennis Tagart, Margaret Sewell Dewey, Allen and Cindy Blevins, Carol West, Steve Cochran and others.

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

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

Old Business

1. Idaho Power Franchise fee discussion – Staff alerted the council to the date of the public hearing for the Idaho Power Franchise agreement, 1 November 2010 at City Hall, 6:45pm.
2. Brenda Glen discussion of possible new business – Brenda did not attend

New Business:

New Plymouth Rural Fire Department – Request fee reduction for Building Permit. – Dallas Hawker, representing the New Plymouth Rural Fire Department requested that the New Plymouth City Council suspend all building permit fees related to their building, sewer and water hook ups, etc.

Councilman Esplin requested that Mr. Hawker come back once there are approved plans to be presented to the city. He explained that the review process by public works and the plan review is paid for by the building permit fees. If the plan review is without complications, thus being easily done then waiving the fees may be possible. If the plan review is more difficult and takes a lot of staff time and engineer review time then that is a different matter.

Mr. Hawker stated that the city took little time to approve other fee waivers to entities. Why is this process different for the fire department? Council pointed out that nothing was given completely free. Nothing was done permanently and percentages were used.

The council did not turn down the request by the fire department but did request that a complete approved plan be presented to the council. The council would then have a better idea of what waivers would be possible. Sewer and Water is supposedly on site but Mr. Hawker did not know whether or not there were meters on site.

From the audience a question was asked regarding plan review and inspection processes and who would be the appropriate party to do this work for the fire department. The City has a building inspector hired to review plans and inspect buildings. Mr. Hawker stated that the

engineer he has been working with is Jerry Wolf. Pinnacle Engineering, located in Boise, is working with the fire department.

Ordinances & Resolutions

There were no ordinances or resolutions for consideration.

Open Forum

No comments Mayor and Council Comments

No comments were forthcoming from the council.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer