

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
MONDAY
4 April 2011
City Council Chambers (Library)
7 pm

On the 4th of April 2011 the city council meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm 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. New Plymouth City Librarian Amy Gibbons was also in attendance. Guests included Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering and Toni Blacketer.

Regular Agenda – Councilman Esplin asked to amend the agenda by adding item (c) distribution of rough draft, to Old Business. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Mayer 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:

Set Public Hearing date on demolition code / requirements – Staff reported that a copy of the ordinance draft was sent to the council in their packets. It was written by city attorney, Bert Osborn. Councilman Esplin asked that the council take time to review the ordinance and discuss it further. He asked for two more opportunities to review the ordinance. **Councilman Esplin moved to table this item (a) to old business and discuss it further during the next council meeting, the 18th of April 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Update on Fowl Running at Large – Staff reported that the animals have been greatly reduced and have been utilized. Councilman Esplin stated that he had seen a chicken that has shown up at 145 SW Blvd. He stated that the chicken is living there. There are attempts being made to capture the remaining four rooster chickens so as to control the population.

Distribution of the draft letter by Ben Esplin – He stated that this letter is for the council review, to be discussed at the next council meeting.

New Business:

Andy Gehrke – Holladay Engineering – An Engineering Status Report had been provided to the council in their packets.

Andy Gehrke – Holladay Engineering – Reported that New Plymouth has been awarded a \$100000.00 grant to be used when rebuilding S Plymouth Avenue. Holladay Engineering and Beau are reviewing the draft plans and he will be sending the plans out to bid very soon. Andy stated that the funds would be available in the spring of 2012. The funds will be released to the state and they will release them to the local jurisdiction. This method cuts the federal government out of the process, which is nice. The council thanked Andy for his help.

Set date for Budget Hearing as requested by Payette County – Following discussion regarding the councils' desire to hold a budget workshop they determined that the workshop be held on 2 May 2011 at 6:30 pm prior to the regular city council meeting. The council then discussed a

date for the budget public hearing as required by code and requested by Payette County. Staff suggested the 29th of August 2011. The council discussed holding the meeting on Monday, 22 August 2011. **Councilman Cline moved that a public hearing to take testimony regarding the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget be held on 22 August 2011 at 6:30 pm prior to the regular city council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Business License application, Bronco Carpets and Flooring – **Councilman Esplin moved to approve this business application. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Business License application, New Plymouth Muffler and Repair - **Councilman Esplin moved to approve this business application. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

There were no ordinances and resolutions to review and the council moved to the open forum part of the agenda.

Open Forum – Toni Blacketer of 5187 SE 1st Ave addressed the hydraulic fracturing that is proposed to be done in the area of New Plymouth. She expressed her concerns and had in her possession a DVD regarding hydro fracturing. She stated that she would be contacting the Payette County Commissioners about the matter. Toni said that she realizes that we need jobs and so forth but what are we willing to pay for it. The council thanked her for her input.

Amy Gibbons – New Plymouth Librarian reported that she had received four grants this past month. She stated that she received over 900 books to give away for the summer reading program and she is very excited about that. She stated that she received a \$250.00 grant from Wal-Mart to be used for the summer reading program. Five presenters have committed to come and report about different countries around the world. She also said that she has a volunteer who is a special education teacher from Marsing who is coming to help teach adults how to read. Amy stated that this is really good because a lot of work is being done with the children. There is still illiteracy in the community with some adults and there is a need to help them. She stated a twelve year old is working to start a book club in the area. The council thanked her for her comments.

Mayor and Council Comments

There were no comments from any members of the council. The city clerk reported that there had been some correspondence come from the State of Idaho Department of Lands. Copies were made and handed to the council prior to the meeting for their review.

Mayor Cook asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer