

New Plymouth City Council
18 May 2009
7:00 pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

The regular meeting of the New Plymouth City Council was held at the New Plymouth City Hall on Monday, 18 May 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Cook, Councilmen Cline, Esplin and York present. Councilwoman Mayer arrived a few minutes late.

Guests included Sylvia Zitek and Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering. Staff members present were Beau Ziemer, Public Works Director, Beth Ann Christensen, Deputy City Clerk and Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk.

Councilman Esplin asked to add item (h) Sylvia Zitek and item (i), to the new business agenda, Louis Urriola removal of tree, and moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline, with the voting unanimous in favor.

Councilman Esplin asked to add the public works report to the consent agenda and moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline and voting was unanimous in favor.

Old Business:

Discussion by the Council of Dale Smith water situation. His bill was high for the months of January and February and then came down to previous levels. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve adjusting Mr. Smith's water bill to a difference of the average of the other bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Water line easement documents for the Hinkley property were missing two signatures and could not be recorded. It was determined that a notary would be sought; the signatures notarized and the document could be recorded. Discussion was held regarding the need for the city to look into a notary for city hall. It was determined that staff would look into the possibility of getting a notary in the office.

New Business:

- a. Beau Ziemer - Crosswalk update on the possibility of getting some temporary signs for the crosswalks. Two signs would cost about \$700.00. Other discussion was held about safety issues etc. **Councilman Cline moved to purchase two signs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin and the voting was unanimous in favor.**
- b. Beau Ziemer - Advertisement for bid for SR2S Phase II and notice to proceed. Due to time constraints Beau asked that the Council authorize Andy from Holladay Engineering and him to move forward with accepting the bids as they come in and making a decision. **Councilman York moved to authorize the request, seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor.**
- c. Beau Ziemer – South Plymouth Sewer project. Discussion was held regarding the relocation of the sewer line from the rear of the homes to the front. They are currently hooked to the rear but we need to determine a way for the property owners to hook to the sewer in front of their homes rather than the back. Then the city needs to determine when to abandon the sewer line in the rear. The sewer needs to be abandoned in the rear because it is no longer adequate. It was determined that a

legal opinion should be obtained before we move forward. Beau was assigned the task to contact the city attorney and report back. **Councilman Esplin moved to table the South Plymouth Sewer project, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer with the voting unanimous in favor.**

- d. Beau Ziemer – Update on Sheila Cornet sewer project – It was reported that the line has been repaired and that all seems to be in order.
- e. Holladay Engineering – Contractors Application for payment # 15. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the application for payment. Councilwoman seconded the motion and voting was unanimous in favor.**
- f. Discussion regarding commercial building inspections. Holladay Engineering submitted a letter for the bid proposal regarding a new three story building to be built in the city. Discussion was held regarding the process of review and hourly work. **Councilman York moved to accept Holladay Engineering's proposal for inspection of the structure which the Internet Truck Stop has made application. Councilman Cline seconded the motion and voting was three in favor. Councilman Esplin abstained.**
- g. Budget information HIT program, Excel worksheets – Budget figures were presented from the HIT program for the year to the end of May 2009.
- h. Silvia Zitek, 219 East Blvd – division of property clarification – sewer/water. Council discussed the extra residence on the property, the possibility of having already obtained a conditional use permit for the extra residence and the fact that the land has not been divided. Staff will look into the situation and see if there is a conditional use permit still active.
- i. The payment to Louis Urriola removal of tree that was in the city right of way was discussed. **Councilman York moved to approve the payment of \$250.00 to Louis Urriola for the removal of the tree. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin and the voting was unanimous in favor.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

Identity Theft Prevention Program Resolution – Information has been sent to the city attorney and I have received a response but not in time to make adjustments to the document. **Motion to move to the next meeting was made by Councilman Esplin, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer, with voting unanimous in favor**

Open Forum

Councilwoman announced that graduation was this Friday night. Tuesday June 2nd is the next town hall meeting for the downtown beautification project.

A letter staff received was presented to the Mayor from the Irrigation District. A question was asked by a patron earlier in the day if the system would be pressurized. Councilman York stated that it would not be at this time.

Comments were made regarding the vacancy on the Library Board. The council suggested that we get something in the paper stating the need. The Mayor suggested that he had a candidate but did not disclose who it was.

Fire department building exchange was briefly discussed.

Mayor and Council Comments – No comments were made.

Adjournment

Councilman York moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Esplin and the voting was unanimous in favor.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, Clerk / Treasurer