

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY
1 August 2011
6:55 pm
New Plymouth City Hall (Library)

On the 1st of August 2011 the city council meeting was called to order at approximately 6:55 pm by Mayor Cook. Roll call was taken with Council member's Mayer, Cline and York in attendance. Councilman Esplin was out of town. Staff members present included Leon K. Jensen and Public Works Director Beau Ziemer. Others in attendance were Doug Moscrip and his wife and Rick and Barbara Postlethwait.

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

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

Old Business:

Farmers Mutual Telephone Company Agreement review – Beau Ziemer stated that he had heard no new information from the Telephone company as they have not had their next board meeting to discuss this item of business. **Councilman York moved to table the discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Plymouth Heights Homeowners Association Irrigation proposal – Beau Ziemer reported that discussions were still continuing. He has been working with two people, Wayne Wheeler and Shelly Palmer. The association wanted to know that if they were unhappy with the change, would it be possible to get the irrigation company back from the city. Right of Way is still a concern. Discussion will continue and possibly the Mayor and Mr. Ziemer will meet with the homeowner leadership. Mr. York suggested that Beau get a copy of the covenants, property descriptions so that you are better informed for the discussion. Beau stated that he has left it up to the association to work on the issue for a month or so more.

Update on the S Plymouth Project – The date of completion is 23 August. Progress seems slow at this time. There are liquidated damages assessed for failure to meet the contract. Those fees are about \$500 or \$600 dollars per day. Councilman Cline asked that inspections would be happening. IRVCO has asked to use different gravel material for the road. The city has refused and expects that the material agreed upon in the contract would be used. Testing will be done regularly during the construction process.

Weed Ordinance discussion – Mr. Ziemer reported that he thought the ordinance we fairly clear as written. Councilwoman Mayer agreed. Various weeds and thistles were discussed as well as a specific height for the weeds when they become a nuisance. The consensus of the council was that the ordinance was adequate for the needs of the city. Beau stated that he would gather up some more ordinance copies from other cities so as to compare with our ordinance.

Kiwanis Park Fee Review – The city Attorney has written an ordinance for the council to consider. **Councilwoman Mayer moved that the city hold a public hearing to consider adoption of fees for the use of the park. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Business:

Decision regarding Douglas Moscrip's request – Following a brief discussion regarding the number of lots, their location and water and sewer lines, **Councilman York moved that the city write a favorable recommendation letter to Mr. Moscrip for the county planning and zoning. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Brenda Kroeker, water bill question – Ms Kroeker did not attend the meeting and no action was taken by the council.

Engineering Status Report – Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering stood for questions. No questions were asked by the council.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Open Forum

Rhonda Lysinger presented information for an event called the Ben Hughes Memorial Run. She would like to have it on the last day of the fair in the morning, the 13th of August. She gave a brief discussion of the route and invited all to run, walk and travel the course. She is hoping to use the route later for a course for cross county. Councilman York mentions placing signs that the city has to add to safety as well as the police who will be in attendance for safe crossing of the highway.

A project for working on the fence between the Senior housing and city hall was discussed. The council encouraged the project to move ahead.

Mayor and Council Comments – Councilman Cline asked how the billing for city water is going and if monies are being collected in a timely manner. He also expressed concern that if bills are allowed to increase without payment then the city may not be able to collect those fees which are rightly owed to the city. Mr. Ziemer expressed his concern that there are those who are habitually late and or do not pay as they should. The city will continue to work with this situation. Councilman Cline asked that we go with the ordinance first and exceptions last and not the other way around. The ordinance is good and in place. There is not need for a change in the ordinance. Councilman York stated that we still have R and D to work with and be sure that we are in compliance with them. He also mentioned the upcoming fair and rodeo and the council encouraged all to get out and enjoy the fair.

Staff reported that the audit is underway. The auditor has been here for a week and is coming back for further information.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer