

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
17 Aug 2009
7:30 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, 17 Aug 2009 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Joe Cook.

Roll call was taken with all council members present, Mayer, Cline, York and Esplin. Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Anne Esplin and Andy Gerhke were also present.

Regular Agenda - **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Consent Agenda - **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Old Business

- a. Idaho Power Franchise agreement is being reviewed by the city attorney and no further report was given. **Councilman Esplin moved to table discussion on the proposed agreement. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in favor.**
- b. Rick York discussed the irrigation system that the city may take over. The city attorney and auditor for the city will need to meet with the city clerk and public works director as well as Rick York to discuss the transfer of ownership. **Councilman Esplin moved to have the city accept and take over the New Plymouth Water Users irrigation system by the 15th of November of 2009 contingent on the city working making a water department and grant the city clerk and public works director the means to spend the time to work on this process. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. Voting was 3 in favor with one abstention.** Rick York sits on the Board for the irrigation company.
- c. Pete Rolfe to discuss irrigation matters re 253 and 259 SE Blvd in New Plymouth. This matter was not discussed as Mr. Rolfe called and stated that he did not now need to meet with the city council.

New Business

- a. Energy West Corporation exploratory oil and gas well drilling. Site is in Impact Area and the company is scheduled for a public hearing with the county in September 2009 at Payette County Court House. Staff reported that the hearing will be held in September at Payette County. The date is the 10th of September. No council action needed.
- b. Holladay Engineering – Andy Gehrke – PSA Amendment # 3 **Councilman York moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Councilman Esplin with the voting unanimous in favor.**
- c. Randy Meyer – CO-OP Downtown Park Development. Councilwoman Mayer was not sure of what information he was going to present. **Councilman Esplin moved to table item c. of the agenda, seconded by Councilman York with the voting unanimous in favor.**
- d. Alcohol Beverage License for The Club in New Plymouth. Cory Loveland presented information regarding obtaining a business license for The Club, an establishment he has purchased with a business partner and have the remaining fees for the license to be applied to the new owner. **Councilman York moved to approve the request of Mr. Loveland and to have him provide the city with a copy of the agreement to show that the seller does allow the fee transfer. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer and the voting was unanimous in favor.**
- e. FY 2009-2010 City of New Plymouth Budget Approval – Discussion was held regarding the budget and adoption of the 3% fees as part of the budget this year. The city has forgone a 3% increase

several times over the past years. The city monies are being used wisely and carefully. Staff reported that the 3% tax amount is not in the budget as it has been given to the council. The omission was an error by staff. The council determined that the 3% increase should be put in the budget and that another hearing should be held to address those changes. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the motion without a 3% increase. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. Council members Mayer and Esplin voted in favor of the motion. Council members York and Cline voted in opposition to the motion. Mayor Joe Cook voted in opposition to the motion.**

Councilman Cline moved to continue the meeting to a date certain of 1 September 2009 (Tuesday) at 6:30pm in the New Plymouth City Hall library. Councilman York seconded the motion. Council members York and Cline voted in favor of the motion and Council members Mayer and Esplin voted in opposition to the motion. Mayor Joe Cook voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed with a three in favor and two opposed.

Ordinances & Resolutions

The Mennonite Annexation, Moscrip Rezone and Record Destruction Resolution documents were discussed by staff and it was determined that a notary would be sought for to verify signatures and then the documents will be recorded.

Open Forum – Information, Clean Cities Coalition looking for fuel locations for electric cars. Clint Marchbanks has asked if our city would like to be placed on the Clean Cities website as a place where electric cars could be recharged. Staff reported on the city having a fuel location for clean cities, (electrical outlet for charging) where electric cars could be charged. Staff is to look up the information on Clean Cities Coalition web site for further information.

Mayor and Council Comments – Councilwoman Mayer stated that school starts on Wednesday. The work at the grade school is reported to be very close to being completed. Landscaping still remains to be completed.

Thanks were given to the members of the community, staff, council and others who have done so much work on the budget and other business items.

Adjournment – Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned about 9 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer