

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY
22 August 2011
7:15 pm
New Plymouth City Hall (Library)

On the 22nd of August 2011 the city council meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 pm by Mayor Cook. Roll call was taken with Council member's Mayer, Cline, York and Esplin in attendance. Staff members present included Leon K. Jensen, Beth Ann Christensen and Public Works Director Beau Ziemer. Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering also attended the council meeting.

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

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

Old Business:

Update on the S Plymouth Project – The date of completion for basic paving is 23 August. Mr. Ziemer reported that paving is well underway and that the city has learned much from the implementation of this project. The cost of the project thus far is \$489,570.00. Being more involved with better public relations activities was mentioned. The work is progressing and the council had questions about construction, etc. but in general all were pleased with the progress of the project. Change Order 1 was presented to the council by Mr. Ziemer regarding work to be done from the Boulevard to Park Street. **Councilman Esplin moved to accept Change Order 1 regarding work to be done on the S Plymouth project (from the Boulevard to Park Street). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.** Councilman Cline expressed his opinion that we are so fortunate to enjoy what we have here in this area. To complain about dust or to have to walk two blocks to a persons car is not a big deal. There are many more serious problems in the world and around us than for us to worry about these little inconveniences.

Weed Ordinance discussion – No new information was presented. Mr. Ziemer stated that he will acquire copies of some ordinances from other cities and present them to the council. **Councilman Esplin moved to accept our current ordinance and remove this item from the agenda until further information is available. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Demolition Ordinance 333 – Staff reported that City Attorney Bert Osborn was requested to review the ordinance and prepare it for final review. The ordinance was presented to the council for final review. **Councilman York moved to adopt Ordinance 333. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline and the voting was three in favor. Councilman Esplin abstained from voting.**

New Business:

Engineering Status Report – Andy Gerhke of Holladay Engineering stated only that seepage tests for the city lagoons have been underway. Thus far there has been no seepage from the lagoons. The reports are favorable and there are still two lagoons to be tested. That testing will begin in the near future.

Council Meeting change of venue – 19 Sep 2011 – Mr. Ziemer asked the council to change the city council meeting on the 19th of September to be held at the Senior Citizen Center in New Plymouth. Prior to the council meeting there is an open house scheduled regarding the E Idaho Holly Street project. The open house is to begin at 4:30 pm and scheduled to last until 6:30 pm with the city council meeting to follow, if approved by the council. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve holding the city council meeting on the 19th of Sep 2011 at the Sr. Citizens Center at 7:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman**

York and the voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Decision on FY 2011-2012 – There was no discussion by the council regarding the Budget Ordinance. **Councilman Cline moved to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. Councilman Cline and Councilman York voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Mayer and Councilman Esplin voted in opposition to the motion. Mayor Cook voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

Demolition Ordinance 333 – **Councilman Cline moved to approve Demolition Ordinance 333 read by title only, suspending the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer and the voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Budget Ordinance 335 – **Councilman Cline moved to approve Budget Ordinance 335 read by title only, suspending the second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. Councilman Cline and Councilman York voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Mayer and Councilman Esplin voted in opposition to the motion. Mayor Cook voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.**

Open Forum

No public comment

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer urged that general election information be given to the public in preparation for the upcoming election. The application process was discussed. Councilwoman Mayer, Councilman Cline and Mayor Joe Cook are up for re-election. Councilman Esplin urged all to go to the football game on Friday night. Payette will be in town for the game. Councilman York acknowledged the fair board, vendors and all who helped with making the fair a great success.

Adjournment – **Councilman Esplin 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