

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
**MONDAY**  
1 February 2010  
**7:00 p.m.**  
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 1 February 2010 at 7 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline and York present. Councilman Esplin was absent. Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen. Guests included Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering, Jim Shake and Debbie Petross.

Regular Agenda – **Council member Mayer moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

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

*Old Business*

Eldon Isaac (Assembly of God Church) rezone development agreement. The city attorney has not returned the agreement as yet so no action was taken.

*New Business*

Jim Shake – to discuss ditch cleaning at the edge of city limits from SW Ave north to Highway 30. The ditch in question has not been cleaned for 30-40 years. The plan is to contact the land owners and tell them that the ditch is going to be cleaned. There is about a 30 foot right of way or easement. A road is planned to be built on the east side of the ditch. There is no roadway on the west side because there is one home in the right of way. Spraying will then be able to be done to control the weeds and that can be done as long as a request is made to spray the ditch and area. The fences will need to be moved. A track hoe will eventually be moved in to dig and trees will need to be removed. Mr. Shake is requesting that the city could be used to haul dirt or wood as needed. The city backhoe may be needed on occasion. Drainage pipes will need to be installed in order to maintain the integrity of the ditch. The wood can be cut and used for firewood. Some fences may need to be upgraded.

Jim Shake can be reached at 674-1183. It was determined that Beau will be in contact with Mr. Shake so that all runs smoothly as far as the city is concerned.

Discussion was held on the city position on business employees parking along Main Street in front of businesses thus taking parking space from customers. The council determined that Beau Ziemer, the Public Works Director would hand deliver a letter or note to the businesses along main street to have their employees park elsewhere rather than on main street. The idea is to keep main street parking open for the customers of the businesses along main street.

Debbie Petross discussed a cleanup of property behind her home. The trash has been

cleaned up now so there was no further discussion on the clean up. She expressed concern about who enforces our ordinances. A meeting is scheduled with the Sheriff department to address ordinance enforcement. She discussed the narrowness of the street and trucks or pickups parking in the street and blocking other car traffic. She stated that we need an ordinance officer. Irrigation was discussed and Debbie wanted to know who cleans the ditch. The city will be responsible for the ditch until more people enter the system. Once more people enter the system then improvements can be made and paid for much like a local improvement district. She expressed concern that people are parking in the ditch along her property. Some options were discussed on how to repair or dig out the ditch. Debbie's cell phone is 740-9550 in case we need to contact her regarding the ditch.

Laura Johnson request to adjust 2009 sewer usage average due to major leak problem which was repaired. What can be done for residents who may have water leak or accident which could drive the average up? (Sewer Ave figured Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb, each year) Laura Johnson did not come to the council meeting to address the Council. **Councilman York moved to table the discussion. The motion was seconded by Council member Mayer. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Terry Bondy - 636-00 - has requested his water deposit to be refunded. The current resident does not have a deposit in place. Staff wrote a letter to the renter and encouraged them to come in and make a deposit so that water service would not be interrupted. It was determined that the land owner should notify his renter that he needs to put a deposit in place in order for him to get his deposit returned.

#### Ordinances & Resolutions

Fee schedule for Sewer / Water Service – Signatures – The ordinance was read into the record. **Councilman Cline moved to approve Ordinance 327. The motion was seconded by Council member Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Resolution in support of F 35 Lightning II placement in Idaho. **Councilman York moved to approve the resolution in support of the F35 Lightning II placement in Idaho. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

#### Open Forum

Andy Gehrke stated that he was nominating Beau Ziemer Idaho Rural Water Association Operator of the Year.

#### Mayor and Council Comments

Ron Gillespie will be at the next Kiwanis meeting. The need for Rabies shots for dogs was discussed. Councilman York related some research on the need for rabies shots and the costs for the same.

Mayor Cook displayed a plaque which was presented to the City of New Plymouth at the Idaho Association of City's legislative day in Boise. It made from one of the Oak trees planted by President Benjamin Harrison on May 8, 1891. The trees were removed as part of the remodel of the State Capitol Building.

#### Adjournment

**Council member Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

The meeting adjourned a few minutes before 8 pm.

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Joe Cook, Mayor

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Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer