

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
TUESDAY
6 July 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 Tuesday, 6 July 2010 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook at about 7:05 pm. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline, York and Esplin in attendance. Staff members in attendance were Leon K. Jensen, Beth Ann Christensen and Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer. Steve West of CENTRA Consulting Inc. attended the meeting.

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

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

Old Business

- Report regarding Peterson home for cleanup – A letter from Peterson was faxed to the Mayor on 6 July 2010 which was presented to the council. The letter asked that Mr. Pittman be allowed to care for the property until Mr. Peterson could get back to the area and work on the situation. **Councilman Esplin moved to send the information to the Police Department and the building inspector and then report back to the council. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**
- Luke Figart – Water billing questions – Mr. Figart did not attend the meeting.

New Business:

1. Cory Loveland presentation to the council – Mr. Loveland did not attend the meeting.
2. Council Recommendation for Bridge Energy INC. Conditional Use Permits for Drilling Oil and gas well – Beau Ziemer commented that he would suggest that the council send a favorable recommendation to the Payette County Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Tracey and Veach wells. He has questions about the White, Shoemaker, Korn and Doolittle wells. Mr. Steve West, President of CENTRA Consulting, Inc. stood and discussed the delineations of the wells in close proximity to the city of New Plymouth. A 10 degree buffer was discussed. The Shoemaker well is the only well inside the buffer zone. Five of the six proposed wells lie outside of the buffer zone.
3. **Councilman Cline moved to recommend approval of the Tracey and Veach sites and to wait for the information from the engineers, CENTRA staff, and city staff meeting regarding the remaining sites to be brought back before the council to make a decision (including the delineation zone from the well that was the city's alternate site on the east side of town).** The motion died for lack of a second to the motion. The council discussed the wells further and Councilman Cline stated that he would make his motion again. **Councilman Cline moved to recommend approval of the Tracey and Veach sites and to wait for the information from the engineers, CENTRA staff, and city staff meeting regarding the remaining sites to be brought back before the council to make a decision (including the delineation zone from the well that**

was the city's alternate site on the east side of town). Again, the motion died for lack of a second to the motion.

4. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve a favorable recommendation for the Tracey and Veach well sites. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**
5. **Councilman Esplin moved that the recommendation for approval of the White, Shoemaker and Doolittle sites be delayed until the City Engineer, Bridge Energy and the New Plymouth Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer meet and resolve their concerns, and that the minutes or notes from that meeting be presented to the city. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**
6. *Councilman Esplin moved that the council make a favorable recommendation for the Korn site to the Payette County Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion died due to lack of a second to the motion.*
7. **Councilman Cline moved for a favorable recommendation for the Korn site following a meeting of Bridge, the city and county engineers as well as the Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer. The purpose of the meeting is to review a delineation map showing any affects to any future well site in the area planned for by the city and where clean water will not be affected. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was 3 in favor with Councilman Esplin voting in opposition to the motion.**
8. Water Rate review – Public Works Department – Beau Ziemer presented water rate information for council review. Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer, made no recommendation at this time.
9. Sewer Rate review – Public Works Department– Beau Ziemer presented sewer rate information for council review. Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer, made no recommendation at this time.
10. Public Works Director - Safe Route to School Bid Award (City Phase) – Beau Ziemer presented options of priority for council review. **Councilman Cline moved to approve options A, C, and D. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**
11. Internet Truck Stop request for one way alley at 222 N Plymouth Ave – The council discussed this request and determined that a one way south to north route would be most favorable. **Councilman York moved that the alley be approved with a one way south to north route with the signage being provided by the Internet Truck Stop. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was in favor with a 3-0 vote with Councilman Esplin abstaining.**
12. Telephone modification for Chief Moore – Staff reported that the Sheriff Department purchased a base phone unit with two hand sets to replace the current phone. The current phone is being dragged from one location to another in the office annex and Chief Moore is finding it very inconvenient, especially when there are multiple officers in the office. **Councilman York moved to approve paying for the service call to ensure that the phones work properly in the Sheriff's office annex in New Plymouth. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**
13. Set date for 2010-2011 FY Budget workshop – The council discussed possible dates and settled on the 22nd of July 2010 as the best possible date. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve 22 July 2010 at 7:00 pm as the next budget work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

14. Executive Session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (c) To discuss possible acquisitions in real property which is not owned by a public agency - **Councilman Esplin moved to go into Executive Session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (c). The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.** The Executive Session convened at 8:45 pm and ended at 9:05 pm.
15. **Councilman York moved to continue the regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Open Forum

No comments

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer stated that she would like to see more of the public at our meetings. Councilman Cline agreed and urged the public to attend council meetings. Councilman York expressed his desire to have a good PA System for our public meetings. Councilman Esplin invited all to attend the open house for the Internet Truck Stop new building. The open house is on the 24th from 10 am to 2 pm, with refreshments being served and tours of the building. The Internet Truck Stop now has a Certificate of Occupancy for their building.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer