

MINUTES
New Plymouth City Council
16 March 2009
7:30 pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

The regular meeting of the New Plymouth City Council was held at New Plymouth City Hall on 20 March 2009. Guests in attendance were Chet Millsap and Lincoln Koehn.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook. The members of the council who were in attendance were, Jeannette Mayer, Rick York, Ben Esplin and Eric Cline. Staff member present – Leon K. Jensen.

Councilman Esplin moved to approve the consent agenda, Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Councilman Esplin moved to remove item a. (South Plymouth and West McKinley Irrigation) from old business, also item a. (T-Mark Business license) from new business, and added item k. (construction complaint) to new business on the agenda. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous in favor. No further action was taken on this item.

There was discussion by Public Works Supervisor Beau Ziemer regarding bids for the new street project, West McKinley Irrigation replacement, no money is available at the present time. Beau thinks that the system has leaked for 5 or 6 years so he is optimistic that ---the bids are okay at 21K but no funding. It is a street project but most of the funds are in the downtown project. Beau recommended that we do our best and see what can be done financially in the future for this project. **Motion to approve by Councilman York, seconded by Councilman Cline. Vote was unanimous in favor.**

Correspondence regarding the Treasure Valley Mennonite School – Fees were discussed for annexation and staff reported that no other information had been received. Discussion was held regarding this annexation, fee waivers, etc. The applicant would be responsible to provide sewer and water lines to the city lines in the area. The applicant is to speak with the county and return to the next city council meeting in April. A decision may be made at that time. **Councilman Esplin moved to table this discussion until then next council meeting to be held 6 April 2009. Also Mayor Cook and Beau Ziemer are to write a letter to update DEQ to what has taken place. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

Dale Smith water usage complaint, the council determined that they would review the bill for March and April before they make a decision regarding this issue. **Councilman Esplin moved that the council wait two months before making a decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner York. Voting was unanimous in favor.** The clerk was directed to write a letter to Mr. Smith informing him of the council's action.

Beau Ziemer presented information to the council regarding the Keith Hinkley Easement. The location of meters and what decisions were made along the way so that things could be kept moving forward. After some discussion regarding this matter **Councilman York moved to approve the signing of the easement. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer.**

Staff requested that the Bank Signature cards item be moved to the end of the agenda.

Andrew Gehrke of Holladay Engineering presented several change orders to various projects with actions taken as follows:

Councilman Esplin moved to approve the Sewer Project Contractor (Bitterroot) Change

Order No. 3. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.

Councilman York moved to approve the Sewer Project Engineering Amendment No. 2, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.

Councilman Esplin moved to approve Water Project Well 9 Contractor (Adamson) Change Order No. 3, seconded by Councilman York. Voting was unanimous in favor.

Councilwoman Mayer moved to approve Water Project Well 9 Contractor (Adamson) Final Payment Application payment, seconded by Councilman York. Voting was unanimous in favor.

Councilman York moved to approve the Water Project Engineering Amendment No. 2. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.

Councilman Esplin moved to approve the Payment application No 2 for Bodiford. The motion was seconded by Councilman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.

Beau Ziemer reported to the council of a resident who complained about the loss of water during the ongoing project. The city purchased over 100 gallons of bottled water and provided it to her. She contacted the Governors office, DEQ and the Argus Observer to express her dissatisfaction. Beau Ziemer reported that the city had laid 22,000 feet of pipe with only one complaint. He also explained what the city had done to mitigate any inconveniences to all affected property owners.

There were no Ordinances & Resolutions to discuss, therefore no action was taken.

There was no discussion during the Open Forum portion of the meeting.

Mayor and Council Comments: The council discussed the coming of spring break. The QRU Auction is scheduled for the 18th of April. Also with spring cleaning coming there was discussion of having a container brought in for trash clean up. There was discussion about having someone else provide us with a container rather than Hardin Sanitation.

The bank signature cards were signed.

Having no further business Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, Clerk/Treasurer