

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
1 March 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 1 March 2010 at 7 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline, York and Esplin present. Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Guests included Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering, Ronald Hellman, Laura Johnson and Mark Harvey.

Consent Agenda – **Council member Esplin moved to remove items b and c from the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

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

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

Old Business

Eldon Isaac (Assembly of God Church) re-zone development agreement. This document was presented to the council along with the suggestions by the Public Works Director. It was suggested that the information be forwarded to the Building Inspector and the Fire Marshall. **Councilman Esplin moved that the Development Agreement and comments by the Public Works Director be forwarded to the Building Inspector and the Fire Marshall. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Laura Johnson request to adjust 2009 sewer usage average due to major leak problem which was repaired. (Sewer Ave figured Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb, each year) She discussed her high average and asked the council to track the water usage for the next 60-90 days to verify unusually high water usage during the winter months but not during the summer months when one would expect the usage to be higher than other months of the year. The council directed staff to track the water usage for the next three months. A decision will be made at a later date to determine a course of action.

Funds to use for SREDA – Money can be used from a donations account or from surplus funds from various accounts. Budgets are generally not reopened unless there is new money being added to the budget. The council discussed various aspects of opening the budget for funds. When unexpected new funds come into the budget it is common practice to open the budget and determine where those funds will be expended. Staff will review the budget and incoming funds and expenditures to determine where funds for SREDA can be obtained without opening the budget.

New Business:

Project Agro Energy – Bio-Diesel Plant – Presentation by Susie Davidson, Ms Davidson was invited to attend the meeting but did not arrive. **Councilwoman Mayer moved to table this discussion until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin and the voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Andy Gehrke - Holladay Engineering – Construction Contract for Phase 2 Water Project Additions. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the Construction Contract for Phase 2 Water Project Additions, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Andy Gehrke – Holladay Engineering – Water Project Phase 2 – Eastern Oregon Construction Payment Application No. 2. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve Water Project Phase 2 - Eastern Oregon Construction Payment Application No. 2. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the request.**

Mark Harvey – New Plymouth Senior Citizens Inc. water assessment. Mark presented information regarding the payment of the water bill for the Senior Citizens Center. He explained that it is a non profit organization as well as serving meals to seniors both at the center and at home. Hot meals are delivered. He outlined a schedule of when meals are delivered. He stated that they do receive some funding but mostly donations and the funds are limited at best. He stated that meals cannot be charged for by law. The center receives about \$2000.00 per month in donations. He explained that the City of Fruitland has helped them with a donation of \$1500 the past two years, as well as Payette County donating \$1000.00 and \$1500.00 the past two years for the center. Mark presented three options that would help the Senior Center and asked that one of the presented options be accepted by the council. Discussion was held on what should be paid, such as the base for infrastructure for which the city is responsibility. **Councilman Esplin moved that the Senior Citizens Center pay the base rates for sewer and water costs, not to exceed \$60.00 for the coming year and that Beau check the meter for leakage and that the agreement with the Senior Citizens Center be reviewed in January 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

Councilman Cline moved to table action on the development agreement with the Assembly of God Church until the next council meeting on the 15th of March 2010. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Open Forum

Ron Hellman requested permission to place banners on the new light poles advertising an Easter Play to take place in the city. Councilman York requested that more banners are needed than just four. He suggested six. **Councilman York moved to approve the request to put up banners for the advertisement of the Easter Play, that the banners do not block traffic signs and that the signs be placed under the direction of the Public Works Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Councilwoman Mayer presented information to the Council regarding the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The city participated last year. Eggs were purchased and filled with Candy for the hunt. **Councilman Cline moved that the city purchase 40 eggs along with candy to fill them. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The motion was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Cook encouraged all to turn in their census information. Councilman Cline asked questions about the construction at the south end of town. Beau Ziemer explained the route and that the construction is for irrigation.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned about 8:15 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer