

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
8 September 2009  
7:30 pm  
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, 8 September 2009 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President Erik Cline.

Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline, and Esplin present. Councilman York was absent as well as Mayor Joe Cook. Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Anne Esplin, Bill Warnke and Andy Gerhke were also present.

Regular Agenda - **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Consent Agenda - **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

*Old Business*

- a. Energy West Corporation exploratory oil and gas well drilling. The site is in the impact area and the company is scheduled for a public hearing with the county in September of 2009 at the Payette County Court House. Following a brief discussion **Councilman Esplin moved to give Energy West Corporation permission to proceed based on the information given to the city. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in favor.**

*New Business*

- a. Holladay Engineering – Andy Gehrke – Contractors Application for Payment # 18, **Councilman Esplin moved to approve payment, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**
- b. Holladay Engineering Water Project – Phase 2 bids – analysis, recommendation, Notice of award, approval for Mayor to sign contract documents. A summary report was given by Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering. Fifteen bids ranged from a low \$591,236.00 to the second low bidder, about \$20,000.00 higher than the low bid. The bidding was reported to be tight. The low bidder was Eastern Oregon Construction, a company out of Ontario, Oregon. **Councilwoman Mayer moved to accept the low bid and contract documents and moved to proceed with the project, that \$200,000 that is earmarked as capital improvement in the FY09-10 fiscal year budget be used for this project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin and the voting was unanimous in favor.**
- c. Update on the Internet Truckstop Parking Lot – for information only. Grants from Rural Development, etc were discussed briefly.
- d. Census committee member was discussed. The council determined that more information was needed before a decision could be made.
- e. Randy Meyer – Co-OP Downtown Park Development – Mr. Meyer did not respond to a letter from the city to meet with the Council.
- f. Kay Jones appointment to the Library Board for the City of New Plymouth. **Councilman Esplin moved to recommend approval to the Mayor, the appointment of Kay Jones to the Library Board, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer with the voting unanimous in favor.**
- g. **Fee schedule for Sewer / Water Service – Councilman Esplin moved to table this item to the next council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer with the voting unanimous in favor.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Open Forum

None

Mayor and Council Comments

None

Adjournment – **Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

The meeting adjourned about 7:45 pm.

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Erik Cline, City Council President

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Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer