

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
01 July 2013
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 1st of July 2013, the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 6:58 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Warnke, York. Councilman Esplin was not in attendance.

Staff members in attendance was Danielle Painter and Beau Ziemer. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was also present.

Regular Agenda – **Councilwoman Mayer moved to approve regular agenda. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

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

Old Business

New Police Contract – Councilwoman Mayer stated she did not see anything unreasonable that Chad Huff was requesting. **Councilman York motioned to approve new Police Contract. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

New Business

Street Dance - Steve King approached council and stated last year was the first Annual Mule Sale and it turned out to be a great success with no problems what so ever. This year they would like to expand it a little bit this year. He explained there is always a lot for the adults to do but not so much the kids or families so they would like to put on a street dance and have it go on until 11:30. Mayor Cook asked if they have contacted the Sheriff yet, and he stated they have not. Brent Edwards said they will be contacting them. The dates of the event would be August 23rd and 24th. The 23rd would be the all mule rodeo and the street dance following would be on the 24th. Councilwoman Mayer said that she is aware that our ordinance for noise is 10:30 and asked if they had contacted any of the neighbours to see if they would have a problem with the noise. Mr King said he had not contacted anyone, but will do so and make sure there isn't an issue. **Councilman York motioned to approve the street dance with notification to the sheriff's office. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Hardin Sanitation, Franchise Agreement – Jonny Cochrane with Hardin Sanitation would like to know if the Council has anything they would like to change with the service they have been providing. The contract will expire in October and he would like to have the City continue to contract with Hardin Sanitation. Mr Cochrane said he hasn't heard any complaints about the service and asked if the council had any complaints or heard complaints. Mayor Cook stated he hadn't heard any personally. Councilwoman Mayer asked if they will be keeping the costs the same and Me Cochrane replied that all costs will remain the same. He has no reason to raise costs at this time. Hardin Sanitation will be providing a 1 year contract for the council to review before October 15th. Mr Cochrane did request that the council look into setting an ordinance that requires residences to put garbage in actual bags before putting them in the dumpster. This will help avoid customers calling in and saying the garbage truck threw packing peanuts all over my yard. Councilwoman Mayer said it might be a good to have an article printed in the paper making that request and put it in the water bills.

E. Idaho St/Holly Ave. Project, ITD Right-of-way Negotiator/Appraiser – Beau Ziemer gave a list to the council members and stated that they need to pick a Negotiator/Appraiser that will buy the right-of-way on Holly for the project. ITD gave a list of 100 approved Negotiators and he took the list to Cathy Myers and she hadn't heard of any of them. Beau then spoke with Andy and they listed four that they had worked with and had good luck. The first one on the list is one that Holladay has recently worked with. He also happens to be both a Negotiator/Appraiser and therefore one of the duties would not have to be subcontracted out like the others would have to do on the list. **Councilman York motion to approve Larry Rincover as Negotiator/Appraiser. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Fire Department Contract – City Clerk started out by saying we received a letter from the Rural Fire Department stating they wanted 45,000 a year for fire protection and it was non-negotiable. Councilwoman Mayer said they had requested in a previous council meeting they would like to meet with the council and discuss a new contract amount. Council arranged the meeting, they had ample time to notify us if they would be able to attend the meeting or not and they didn't show up. It is going to be hard to make any kind of change to a contract without them here to discuss. It's un-heard of to send a letter that says non-negotiable is not professional nor is it realistic. Councilman York was fine with signing the first document that was provided which was an agreement to continue Fire Coverage at the cost of \$1,716.00 a month until October 1. He agrees we need to sit back down at the table and discuss the \$45,000 the fire department is wanting. Councilman York would like a letter sent to the Fire Department requesting a negotiation where both parties can sit down at the table and get this figured out. Councilwoman Mayer would like to see the justification for the \$45,000.00 and would also like to see their budgets and goals. The City Clerk informed them we have already requested to see both 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 budgets. No response has been received on that request. Councilman York would like the letter to be sent requesting a sit down on August 5th. The City Clerk will type up a letter and have it presented to Council for their approval at the next council meeting. **Councilman York motioned to have the letter signed by all councilmembers that reinstates our coverage until Oct 1 and would like a letter provided at the next meeting to send to the Fire Department. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Open Forum

Max Grogan from the Senior Center addressed the Council. There have been a lot of cut backs from a variety of agencies. What happened before is wages were paid by the agencies and now that has been cut. The Senior Center is now having to pay for their own wages. What they would like to do to help bring more money into the center is have a bingo night on Friday nights. It is not a sure thing, but this is something they are working on. They would like to have Councils approval on this. This will help keep the center open. They are all afraid the doors might close if they don't have any money coming in. They will need volunteers to run the bingo game as well. Councilwoman Mayer would like this to be on the agenda for the next meeting and also would like the City Clerk to check and make we have nothing in our ordinances that would keep the Center from being able to do this.

Mayor and Council Comments

Have a great 4th of July!

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:27 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk