

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY
17 October 2011
City Council Chambers (Library)
Immediately following Public Hearing

On the 17th of October 2011 the city council meeting was called to order at approximately 7:09 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with Council member's Mayer, Cline, and Esplin in attendance. Councilman York was absent. Staff members present included Leon K. Jensen.

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

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

Old Business

E Idaho St. Holly Ave improvement Project-Sai Sarenalli from Holladay Engineering presented information two options which were presented during an open house regarding this project. Option A- on Holly Ave. includes a sharp curve which would have speed limit of 25 miles per hour with 2 stop signs. Option B- NW 1st ave bring straight into the curve and make a T intersection which would have only one stop sign. This option is much safer and a lot of people like this option. Elwen Took option B to highway district and they backed out on the project because of their budget. The Highway district cannot come up with matching funds for this project because they have other projects occurring at the same time as presented project. Sai handed out two worksheets, one with the city and highway district and the other with just the city. Sai and Beau talked about infrastructure for some street lighting. This could be within the budget. Sai wants the council to make a decision tonight about the options presented in the public hearing. Councilman Esplin asked about what options are in the county. Sai and Councilman Esplin talked about matching funds and where they were coming from. Sai said there were no matching funds because the Highway district backed out. Councilman Cline asked "if they were contributing to the project how much would they be able to contribute?" Sai said "about \$54,000." Sai and Councilman Esplin referred to the worksheets and talked about the city going in alone on the project. It appears that it would cost about \$140,000.

Sai says the right of way accusation starts in summer 2012 and construction in 2014. Councilman Esplin asked if the council could have two weeks to decide and look over the city budget. Sai said that was okay. Sai told council that when he talked to Beau, Beau thinks the city should take the option that allows us to go up to city limits. Sai brought to council notice that the public voted for option A-2 travel lanes on Holly Ave. with parking lanes on both sides. With option B- there would be two travel lanes with a median and no parking. Polls showed that option B was the most popular with the seven people who voted. It has been determined that Option B is better with regard to safety. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the Idaho St. Holly Ave. Improvement Project contingent on budget and going along with option B. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Business:

Decision on Park Fee Public Hearing- Councilman Cline expressed concern about the plan to keep the bathrooms open for public use at all times because of vandalism and the lack of staff workers. Councilman Esplin thought that it is a good idea to keep the bathrooms open.
Councilman Esplin moved to table this item until further discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Reinstatement of Colleen Cook to Library Board- **Councilman Esplin moved to reinstate Colleen Cook to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinances & Resolutions –

Ordinance 336- This item is on hold till further action by the council.

Open Forum

Laurie Dennett- representing the QRU stated that the QRU appreciated being able to park in the garage. The QRU would like to stay in the parking area within city hall once the fire department moves to their new location. The council did not address any plans for future expansion but did state their future consideration for QRU parking needs in the future.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer stated that Kiwanis has invited candidates for the up coming election to speak on October 24th at the Kiwanis meeting. Lt. Gov Brad Little will be in town on Nov. 7th. He will be in New Plymouth High School at 10:30 am, Kiwanis at noon, and at the Internet Truck Stop building at 1:30 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:41 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer