

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
TUESDAY
17 January 2012
7:00 p.m.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 17th of January 2012 the city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Warnke, York, and Esplin in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Leon K. Jensen and Beth Ann Christensen. Wendy Green from RC&D was in attendance.

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

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

Old Business

Report on Council action, RFP's, scheduling, etc. Staff reported on information received from the Association of Idaho Cities and from city attorney Bert Osborn. A date for the confirmation of the city clerk/treasurer will be set on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled city council meeting.

New Business

RC&D Council report – Wendy Green of 587 Indian Valley Road in Indian Valley. She is the coordinator of the West Central Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Council and provided the council members with a brochure and business cards. Ms Green gave a brief history of the organization and explained that the Federal Government has cut federal funds for their organization. The council board wants to continue in operation and can due to reserves built up. They are now a private 501 C3 non profit agency. They are trying to develop public private partnerships to get good work done in our rural communities under the big umbrellas of community and economic development and natural resource management conservation. They can do grant writing and line up technical expertise and assistance. RC&D serves six counties in the area.

Ms Green described the make up of the council and encouraged Mayor Cook to continue serving on the council. She stated that the meeting time and place will be changed to help those who serve on the council in attending.

Councilman York would like to see a foot path, paved through the park of the city, all the way from East Boulevard to West Boulevard. The Frisbee golf facility in that area can also be improved. The irrigation system for the city may also be considered.

Joint Powers Agreement between the city of New Plymouth and Highway District # 1 was presented by Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer. **Councilman York moved to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Auditor Information – Deputy Clerk, Beth Ann Christensen reported that Jo Bolen has responded to our inquiry regarding getting the city audit completed. It was reported that she received the final information from the city in November of 2011. Ms Bolen stated that she does not begin an audit until she has all the requested information. City staff reported that the document requested by Ms Bolen was a document that was prepared, completed and closed out prior to the employment of the current office staff. There has been no file found in the city regarding this information. Staff contacted Zions Bank and they searched

their records and were able to provide the city with the information, which in turn was sent to Ms Bolen.

Discussion continued regarding an audit for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 and what the city should be doing now to begin those audits. The council determined that they would like to review the auditors' information that was submitted approximately two years ago and request any new letters of recommendation and or other information that they would like to provide the city.

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Open Forum

No comments

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Warnke stated that he is looking forward to working with the council. Mayor Cook welcomed Councilman Warnke to the council. Councilman York expressed appreciation for Mr. Jerry Jones clearing the right of way around his blacksmith shop.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer