

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
19 November 2012
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 19th of November 2012 the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 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 Beth Ann Christensen, and Danielle Painter. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

Regular Agenda – **Councilman York motion to move items A,B,D, and E to next council meeting due to Beau Ziemer not being present. Councilwomen Mayer moved to prove as amended. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

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

Old Business

Water / Sewer Agreement – Danielle presented the council with a contract that Bert Osborn and Beau Ziemer reviewed and approved for citizens of New Plymouth to sign when their water bill goes past due. **Councilman Esplin motioned to approve Water/Sewer Agreement. Councilwomen Mayer seconded the motion. The Voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

New Business

Audit Presentation – Tim Folke with Folke CPA's, presented the 2011-2012 Financial Audit. Tim mentioned the books were cleaner than the previous years. Only critique was for bank reconciliations to be done more timely and to get caught up. Tim gave an executive summary on Governmental funds and Enterprise funds. Only concern was the street fund and getting the deficit cleaned up. Tim gave recognition to the Council on keeping on top of enforcing zoning ordinances and other ordinances. This keeps the city of New Plymouth a nice place to live. Mayor Cook asked for more of an explanation on the street deficit. Tim explained we could move \$350k from the general fund to the street fund. This would make the street fund look better, but also would be more realistic for the general fund to be around \$70k. Also discussed was the fact of why the street fund had such a high deficit. When Plymouth Avenue was torn up, it was for new sewer and water lines. This in turn caused unexpected costs to the street fund. Councilman Esplin asked Danielle, the city clerk, to speak with city attorney, Burt Osborn, to see if money could be put into the street fund without being paid back. Council feels that the water and sewer fund should have accrued costs instead of just the street fund. Danielle is to report back to Council with this information.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Warnke stated the City Clean-up was a huge success. Councilwomen Mayer also agreed and they would like to extend their gratitude to Public Works on how nice the City looks.

Councilman York would also like to compliment Public Works, City Clerk, and the whole crew on a job well done.

Councilman York asked the Council to keep an open mind on QRU and Library expansion.

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 7:26 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk