

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
20 August 2012
Immediately following the City Budget Public Hearing
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 20th of Aug 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 Leon K. Jensen and Beth Ann Christensen and Beau Ziemer. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present. Randy Freitas was present as well.

Regular Agenda – **Councilman York 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.**

Mfg Home Placement at 317 W Maple Street – Public Works Director Beau Ziemer stated that he did not meet with Mr. Frates but did do some measuring. He stated that he did not come up with a good measurement but could not determine a good center line. He suggested that a survey company be contacted to determine correct measurements. Councilman Warnke asked what procedures will the city follow in order to avoid this type of situation from happening again. Staff was directed to check with Payette County and Canyon County about their procedure when determining and/or confirming set back distances.

Water Wheel presentation & discussion – Randy Freitas – Mr. Freitas spoke to the council about the preservation of the water wheels used by irrigators in the area. He expressed his desire to see them protected or at least preserved for future generations. He mentioned that they are an icon to the city and with two paintings of them they should be saved. In his opinion they are soothing to listen to and watch. He stated that they are the only ones in the United States still in use. He asked if there was a way that funding could be gathered from the community to prepare a way to save the wheels and the historic value of them. Funding was discussed and it was mentioned that the city was not responsible for the preservation of the wheels or the financing of any preservation project for them. Mr. Freitas stated that it would be good if there could be a place in the city where one could be placed as a static display measure the front setback distance to verify if the home is properly placed. More discussion ensued about the history of the wheels. The council did state that it is a good idea to save them and encouraged Mr. Freitas in his efforts to preserve them.

Approval of FY2012-2013 Budget – **Councilman Esplin moved to approve Ordinance 337 FY2012-2013 Budget and suspend reading and approve by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was in favor of the motion by a vote of 3-1.** Councilwoman Mayer voted in opposition for the stated reason of opposition to an increase taxes.

Executive Session as per Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (a) – **Councilwoman Mayer moved to convene an executive session as per IC 67-2345 (1) (a) to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Mayor and Council Comments – Councilwoman Mayer stated that she would not be at the next meeting. Research was presented to the council regarding the parking lot which was donated to the school district including information as to when the parking lot will be paved. The minutes from September 2008 public hearing for a rezone of the subject property, stated that during the public hearing testimony was given that

the school district would pave the lot when funding became available. The council agreed that the city is not responsible for paving the parking lot. Questions regarding such should be directed to the New Plymouth School District.

Adjournment

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 about 7:45 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer