

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
TUESDAY
4 September 2012
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 4th of September 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 Warnke, York, and Esplin in attendance. Councilwoman Mayer was absent from the meeting.

Staff members in attendance were Beth Ann Christensen and Beau Ziemer. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present. Dennis Hooper and Chad Brock were present as well.

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

Old Business:

Mfg Home Placement at 317 W Maple Street –Beau had gone out a month ago and couldn't find a place to measure from. No further discussion at that time.

School Parking Lot Paving: According to the 2008 minutes the school district would pave the lot when funding became available. Councilman York and Councilman Warnke would like to have a follow up letter sent to the school district to find out when the paving will be complete, or what their plan would be for completion. Mayor Cook wants to get on the School Board Agenda to speak with the school board about the paving issue. Councilman Esplin stated that the school has had cutbacks so they will not have funding. Councilman York suggested that this was a loose straw the city would like to see finished.

Water Wheel Preservation: Mayor Cook reported having no new information from Mr. Randy Freitas. Councilman York asked if the chamber wanted the City to haul the wheel in to town, or who wants this done? Councilman Warnke stated that the school board and the chamber are both excited to preserve the water wheel. Councilman York stated the wheel was partially broken already when he and Beau went out to look at it. It would be quite an ordeal to haul it in without breaking it further. Different ideas were discussed about how to move the unit. Councilman Esplin suggested that the perhaps the agricultural department could be involved in the preservation. Esplin offered his service as well. The site should be prepared and ready to receive the wheel. Beau stated that he will speak with Kevin Barker of the New Plymouth High School agricultural department about moving and setting the wheel. Beau suggested speaking with The Industrial Company (TIC), regarding possible community service for us.

New Business:

Chad Brock Certificate of Occupancy/Letter for NPPFD: Discussion was made about formulating a procedure for checking set backs and the involvement of the building inspector in this process. After a lengthy discussion the council determined that it was the property owner's responsibility to identify the property lines. It is not the City's responsibility. Councilman Esplin stated that in his opinion the building official's responsibility to measure (verify) setback distances from the property boundaries (pins) but not his responsibility to locate those pins. **Councilman Esplin moved to discuss this issue at a future time in an executive session. Councilman York seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.**

Ordinance and Resolution: None

Mayor and Council Comments:

Councilman York stated that the council discussed some good things tonight. Several ideas were put forward and discussed to solve problems. Mayor Cook took responsibility for problems that occurred and we can learn and do better. Mayor Cook addressed the application for the Clerk position. All councilmen stated that they would like to review the applications.

Open Forum:

The New Plymouth Fire Department was invited to come to city council meeting to answer questions, Dennis Hooper came to represent them and answer questions. Mr. Hooper discussed the issue with the new Fire Department Facility and disposal of the storm runoff water where their approach meets the highway. NPFDD met with an engineer to draw up those plans and that they would give Beau those plans when they are ready. Mr. Hooper also stated that it would take the district five years to complete this plan because they do not want to take out any loans to complete it. He stated that the fire district did receive a certificate of occupancy, and on the certificate there were conditions that had to be met with the city. Mr. Hooper told the council that Fire Department is supposed to be getting paid on the 10th of each month but it hasn't consistently been that way. Councilman York said to bring that to city hall and we'll get it straightened out.

Mr. Dennis Hooper commented about the Boulevard being off on the center line for the plats measurement. Mayor Cook asked about the New Plymouth Fire Department architect. Mr. Hooper addressed that issue and spoke about what needs to be done to finish the outside of the fire department. He stated that they are going to build a new fence behind their new building. He also commented about the good old boy system that is doesn't work anymore. Dennis also said that the Fire Departments fees need to be raised. Councilman Esplin said they have to go after the tax district not the city, and they would have to prove why the city needs to pay them more money. The Council wanted to know how many fires they have fought for the City of New Plymouth. York said he wasn't apposed to new figures but make them reasonable.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned about 8:10 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Beth Ann Christensen, Deputy Clerk