

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

On the 5th of March 2012 the New Plymouth 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 and Leon K. Jensen. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

Regular Agenda – **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the agenda. Councilman York 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

None

New Business

Engineering Status Report – Andy Gehrke presented the report and asked if there were any questions regarding the informational report. The council had no questions regarding the report.

Project report – Beau Ziemer presented a report of his activities, including an update of road projects which the city may be involved with. He stated that DEQ wanted the city to have system in place to deal with water if contamination were to occur to the city water system.

Beau described work which may take place on Good Lane. There is \$22 K budgeted for an upgrade of Good Lane. The work is an upgrade of the water main. Questions were asked about the width of the right of way for Good Lane. Upgrading of the sewer line was discussed, but only briefly.

The street budget was discussed by Beau as well. He spoke about the upgrade of E Idaho toward and past the fairground area. Beau expressed his desire to begin design plans for E Idaho Street. **Councilman Esplin moved to allow the Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer to develop a design plan for E Idaho Street. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Questions were asked about keeping the contractor on schedule when the next road project begins. The contractor will have a contract in place and if he fails to meet the construction deadlines outlined in the contract, then an appropriate fine can be applied each day the contract runs past the completion date. After further discussion **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the S. Plymouth Avenue Reconstruction – Schedule C project and sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

2013 Budget hearing date – The council discussed possible dates for the upcoming budget hearing and a target date for the departments to have their budget information in to the city council for their review. **Councilman Esplin moved to request that the all department heads have their budget information turned in by the 13th of June so that information can be put in the council packets for review. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Councilman Esplin moved that the date of 20 August 2012 be set for the 2013 Budget hearing. The

motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Open Forum

City Clerk Leon K. Jensen reported on the results of an error on the County and City Base and Excess Distribution (S-2) form for the quarter ending September 30, 2011 which was provided by the Idaho State Tax Commission. The error showed incorrect population figures for the city of New Plymouth. The error, upon further examination, extended to the city of New Meadows as well, both cities having fewer residents than actually exist in their cities. The city of Newdale was the benefactor of the error for they received over \$6000.00 more than they were to be allotted. The Idaho State Tax Commission representative stated that he could correct most of the error in the next two distributions of sales tax; however those funds incorrectly distributed in the prior year to the city of Newdale were not recoverable by the state, by rule. He further stated that the city should contact the city of Newdale and request that those funds which were given to the city over and above their correct allotment be returned to the city of New Plymouth. The city clerk reported that he contacted the city of Newdale by phone but to no avail. He also wrote to the city and requested that the funds which should have been distributed to the city of New Plymouth, be returned. The city of Newdale was to have a council meeting this past week and we are hopeful that they will respond to us and return the funds to the city.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer congratulated the basketball team for a 3rd place finish as well as the wrestlers who went to state. The republican caucus will be held on the 6th of March. The council asked about spring cleanup. Beau stated that he would work with the clerk and get that information out.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer