

The regular meeting of the New Plymouth City Council was held at the New Plymouth City Hall on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Cook, Councilmen Cline, Esplin and Councilwoman Mayer were present. Councilman York was absent.

Guests included Jared Belanger, Rick Spath, Brent Edwards, Darlene Clement, Anne Esplin, Andy Gehrke, Beau Ziemer and Angela P'Pool.

The agenda was presented to the Council. Mayor Cook stated that Brent Edwards would like to be added to the agenda in regards to his annual car show. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Brent Edwards as item "g" under New Business. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

The consent agenda was presented to the Council. The consent agenda included the November Police Report, December 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes, Delinquency List as of December 29<sup>th</sup>, Approval of Bills totaling \$292,796.44. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

*Old Business:*

None.

*New Business:*

- a. **Darlene Clement – Water Bill:** Darlene Clement (301 W. Locust) explained that she couldn't understand how her water consumption in October was 144,000 gallons. Ms. Clement explained that there has been no signs of a leak and that since October her consumption has been reasonable. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to charge Ms. Clement \$95.00 for the October bill. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
- b. **J&R Enterprises – Business License Request for Double Diamond:** Jared Belanger (Hwy. 72) requested a business license and explained that he had purchased the Double Diamond Bar and Restaurant. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the business license. Councilman Cline seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
- c. **Andy Gehrke – Letter of Intent for DEQ Wastewater Planning Grant:** Andy Gehrke recommended that the City submit a letter of intent for the Wastewater Planning Grant in order to get on the list. There was discussion regarding the number of projects funded and the city's placement on the list. **Councilman Cline made the motion to approve the submission of a letter of intent for the DEQ Wastewater Planning Grant. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
- d. **Andy Gehrke – Well #9 Contract Payment Application #1:** Andy Gehrke recommended approval of the payment application for Adamson Pump and Drilling in amount of \$11,480.75. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the payment of \$11,480.75 to Adamson Pump and Drilling. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the**

**motion, which met with full approval.**

- e. **Andy Gehrke – Sewer Project Contract Payment Application #4:** Andy Gehrke recommended approval of the payment application for Bitterroot Construction in the amount of \$216,070.26. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the payment of \$216,070.26 to Bitterroot Construction. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
  
- f. **Beau Ziemer – Public Works Vehicle Purchase:** **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve Beau Ziemer and Councilman Cline to seek a gas efficient vehicle to carry out the duties of the Public Works Department. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**
  
- g. **Brent Edwards – Car Show:** Brent Edwards requested a park reservation for July 25<sup>th</sup> in order to hold the annual car show. Mr. Edwards thanked the Council for their support over the last thirteen years. Councilwoman requested that there be no parking on the concrete slab reserved for the skateboarders. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the reservation. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

*Ordinances & Resolutions:*

None.

*Mayor and Council Comments:*

There was discussion regarding the President-elect Barack Obama's efforts to improve the country's infrastructure. Councilman Cline stated that he was in favor of sending letters to the legislatures expressing the city's interest in any funds available. Councilwoman Mayer stated that she would inform the representatives available for the town hall meeting the next evening.

Councilwoman Mayer stated that Southwest District Health and Department of Environmental Quality are proposing to increase the fees for well drilling. Councilwoman Mayer informed the Council of the town hall meeting to be held the next evening.

Gratitude was given to the Public Works Department for their snow removal efforts.

**Councilman Esplin made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Councilman Cline seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

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Joe Cook, Mayor

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Beth Earles, Deputy Clerk