

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
TUESDAY
04 February 2013
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 4th of February 2013, 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 Danielle Painter and Beau Ziemer. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

Regular Agenda – **Councilman Esplin moved to approve regular agenda. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

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

Old Business

Building Inspector Update – The Council reviewed packets that were received by the City Clerk on the costs of changing Building Inspector. Council agreed they would like to proceed with the City of Fruitland as the new Building Inspector for New Plymouth. Councilman York requested that a rough draft of the contract be presented to Council at the next meeting and when that it is approved, then move forward with giving the 30 day notice to the City's current Building Inspector. **Councilman York motioned to have the contract with City of Fruitland be presented at next Council meeting and 30 day notice be given to current Building Inspector afterwards. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Business

Drilling – Tina Fisher had questions for the council. Has the City of New Plymouth been working on Oil and Gas ordinances, specifically for the City? The Council replied with the answer of no, not at this time. Mrs. Fisher is concerned about the 6-way intersection and the blind spots. Councilman Warnke responded that it is a State Highway and therefore the State has complete control of the road through the town. Mrs. Fisher went on to discuss how when the fracking starts at our 5 well locations, this is going to cause trucks going through our City every 3-minutes. She is concerned for the safety of the pedestrians walking as well as the community members at the 6-way intersection. Mrs. Fisher would like the City to consider banning the industry trucks to drive through City Limits. Again, with it being a State Highway, the City has no control. There was further discussion on the chemicals that are being used in fracking and what goes down is not the same as what comes up.

Open Forum – Alma Hasse spoke and further elaborator on the injection wells. She also provided some statistics on the chemicals used.

Mayor and Council Comments - Councilman Warnke mentioned that it has been interesting to look at the road conditions as the snow is melting through town. Will need to explore how much money is the budget for road repair. Councilman Esplin would like to congratulate the state Legislator and the good work they have done in promoting the economy with drilling in the area it will bring good funds to the state of Idaho. We need to make it clear that this area is open to Economic Development and Energy Development and the people do not need to be scared because of a few loud voices. City Clerk Danielle Painter reminded Council that the next meeting will be Tuesday February 19th and not the 18th due to President's Day.

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 7:31 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk