

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
04 March 2013
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 4th of March 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

Additional Surplus Items – **Councilman Esplin motioned to approve addition surplus items. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

New Business

New Plymouth Kiwanis Mural Paintings – The Kiwanis would like to have mural painted on the side of City Hall. The painting is not yet decided yet. They are going to put it out for competition and it will need to be themed with the City of New Plymouth. Council likes the idea however they would like to see which painting is decided upon first. **Councilman York motioned to give Kiwanis the permission to paint on the building side of City Hall but will have to present to Council the painting that is chosen first. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Base Rates on Unoccupied Homes and Businesses – Councilman Esplin would like to relook at unoccupied homes being charged a base rate. He believes that this would be a nice perk back to the people of New Plymouth. Councilman Esplin would like to either reduce or just waive the base rate for a period of time. Beau Ziemer explained it is standard procedure to have base rates on all home whether they are occupied or not. If you reduce the water base rate, then you would have to set the sewer base rate as the same rate. Councilman Esplin requested City Clerk, Danielle Painter, provide the council with the funds that are available and all expenditures in the water and sewer account for the next council meeting. **Councilman York motioned to have this item tabled until the next meeting. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Recommendation Needed from Payette County P&Z Commission – The County has asked for recommendation from the Council on a Conditional Use Permit for a diesel fuel tank for fuelling trucks. Council members are interested in how the neighbours feel about the diesel tank. Council recommends that the P&Z abides by county ordinances and regulations. **Councilwoman Mayer motioned to have a letter of support sent to the County P&Z Commission. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Open Forum – Johnny Cochrane from Hardin Sanitation addressed the council and wanted to formally introduce himself. He asked that the council keep in them in mind with the franchise agreement approaching coming to an end this year. He explained that he would like to make a few changes in the

upcoming year. One being that he would like all of the cities garbage be collected on the same day rather than on two and sometimes three different days. He also informed council that he has changed the hours that his drivers can start. This will cause garbage collection to be picked up at a later time. If there are any changes that Council would like to make, he would be more than happy to work with them so he maintain the relationship that Hardin Sanitation has had with the City of New Plymouth. The Council thanked him for coming in.

Mayor and Council Comments – Councilwoman Mayer informed that the QRU is not doing there auction this year however they are doing a raffle. They have everything from a steer, to an afghan, however they are in still need of a pig. If anyone knows of someone that would like to donate a pig to contact QRU. Councilman York informed that he had sat down with Amy Gibbons with the Library and have been looking over plans for the expansion. Once she has her plans drawn up she will then appear before council and ask for a motion to be approved on the space she would like. Then she will be able to put all costs together. Councilman York also touched on the water wheel. He had spoken to a community member and they were wondering about the water wheel and what was going to become of it. With nobody wanting to move on it and get it moved, some community members would just like to have it burned. It was mentioned that new water wheel could be built. It would be quite smaller than the original water wheel.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk