

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
05 August 2013
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 5th of August 2013, the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 6:45 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Warnke, York and Esplin were in attendance.

Staff members in attendance was Danielle Painter and Beau Ziemer.

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

Consent Agenda – **Councilman York motioned to approve consent agenda. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Old Business

New Plymouth City Fire Protection Update – City Council members discussed all options for fire protection in the city limits. Council would like to see the City Clerk peruse with City Attorney on getting a public records request sent to the Fire Commissioners for copies of their detail budgets. Council was in agreement to not pay the \$45,000 that would allow the Council to come to the table with the Fire Commissioners to negotiate fire protection. City Clerk informed council that she had spoken to Rick Watkins with the City of Fruitland and he would be more than happy to meet with the council and discuss options for having a city owned fire department. Council members also discussed what would need to happen come October 1st if the city doesn't have fire protection. The Attorney General would then need to be called by our City Attorney and then their offices would handle it from there. **Councilman Esplin motioned to have Bert Osborn send public records request and have Bert Osborn discuss fire protection issue with the Attorney General if the city has no fire protection after Oct 1. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

New Business

Larry Rincover, Contract – Larry Rincover with Negotiation Services presented the contract to the council to start the negotiations on the Holly Street project. The documents were reviewed. **Councilman York motioned to approve the contract documents. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

3% Property Tax, New Construction and Foregone Amount – The city clerk informed council of how the New Construction and Foregone amount was that they could add into the budget. Council did not like the idea of raising taxes on the citizens.

Budget – City Clerk asked for a motion to approve or deny the 3% Property Tax, New Construction and Foregone amount. **Councilman York motion to approve 3% property tax but deny new construction and forgone amount. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Councilman Esplin and Councilwoman Mayer opposed the motion. Mayor Cook voted to approve the motion. Motion passed 3 to 2.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Open Forum – Beau Ziemer discussed current water issues. Public Works have had a few bad water samples and therefor having to chlorinate the water. This is a problem that has to be dealt with every summer with the hot weather.

Mayor and Council Comments

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 7:18 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk