

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
Tuesday
14 December 2010
5:30 p.m.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

The council meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline, and York in attendance. Councilman Esplin arrived about five minutes after the meeting was called to order.

Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Leon K. Jensen. Guests included Ann Esplin and city librarian, Amy Gibbons.

Approve Agenda – **Councilman York moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the favour of the motion.**

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

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

New Business:

Councilwoman Mayer moved to combine bullets A-E into one motion and to approve Alcohol Beverage Licenses for The Club, J&R Enterprises, EZ Mart, Lowell's Mini Mart, and Pilgrim Market. Motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

Staff spoke about taking Scott Moscrip's offer to obtain ownership of the vacated Internet Truck Stop building without obtaining ownership of the land. Mr. Moscrip has repeatedly stated that he does not want to see city government grow, thus increasing taxes. Staff spoke with the New Plymouth City attorney, Bert Osborn, and Mr. Osborn said this was a good agreement, but we need to make sure there are appropriate parking spaces. The council discussed remodeling the back half of the building in order to accommodate the Public Works department. Other building places were discussed for a new site for public works. The council discussed the cost of a new building for the public works department. Councilman Cline stated that no matter what happened with the trade or gift the public works department needs a building sometime in the future. Auctioning the property was an option which was discussed by the council. Councilman York stated that it was his impression that Mr. Moscrip wanted to trade his building for the entire city hall block including the building. The council discussed removing the building through surplus or by auction. The council also questioned how much time the city had to dispose of the building.

After further discussion Councilman Esplin suggested that the city make a counter offer to Mr. Moscrip. Parking for the patrons of city hall was discussed in length. A question was raised regarding whether or not the building could meet code for a public building. **Councilman Esplin moved to counter offer to accept Moscrip's offer to obtain ownership of the vacated Internet Truck Stop building.**

- **The parking lot would remain in ownership of the Internet Truck Stop and maintained by the Internet Truck Stop.**
- **The Parking lot would be a joint parking lot utilized by the Internet Truck Stop and city hall, assignees or heirs to this building.**
- **City hall would have unconditional parking rights and that the parking lot would remain parking lot as long as city hall maintains that building.**
- **This agreement applies to assignees or heirs to this building.**

The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was three in favor and one opposed.

City staff was directed to prepare the proposal and get it to the Mayor and city council, then to Mr. Moscrip.

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 7:45 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer