

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
MONDAY  
15 April 2013  
7:00pm  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 15th of April 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, and Esplin in attendance. Council man York was not 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. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

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

#### Old Business

Base Rates – Financials of the Water and Sewer account was provided to the council to show that as of 2011-2012 fiscal year, these are in the negative when depreciation is added. When this occurs, it is in the City's best interest to avoid lowering fees on unoccupied homes. Council members agreed and no further discussion was done.

Business License Clarification – City Clerk, Danielle Painter received communication from the City's Attorney stating per our Ordinance the City Clerk issues the Business License, however if Council would like to amend the ordinance they may do so. Council members did not want to amend the ordinance; therefore the City Clerk will issue all business licenses and present what licenses are issued at the Council Meetings.

3% Increase Bldg. Permit and Mechanical Fees – Councilman Esplin wanted to discuss this before a motion was made. He asked why we need the increase on building permits, if the city is generating more revenue by adding mechanical inspections. Beau Ziemer, Public Works Superintendent explained with issuing Building permits it impacts Library, Parks, Streets etc. therefore a percentage of the increase would go to those different funds. Councilman Esplin wants to encourage building and opposes any increase in fees to our community members. Councilman Warnke was curious to know what the average building permit costs. City Clerk Danielle Painter explained it depends on Residential or Commercial. Commercial permits are going to be quite a bit more expensive than residential. If the building permit was \$400 the increase is \$12 more and therefore Councilman Warnke doesn't see the savings in that. He stated the City should take the increase when they have the opportunity and keep ahead of the curve instead of being behind it. City Clerk Danielle Painter mentioned inside of the building permit fees was an increase to manufactured home installation from \$75 to \$300. Council members discussed this and did not see an issue with that increase. **Councilwoman Mayer motioned to deny the 3% increase on Building Permit Fees, accept the Mechanical Fee and accept the \$300 increase to install manufactured home. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. The motion passed in voting 2 to 1 with Councilman Warnke opposing.**

#### New Business

2014 LHTAC Signs Project Grant - Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering informed council the City of New Plymouth was awarded a \$30,000 signs project grant and the funding will be available next spring.

The Arena Business License – City Clerk Danielle Painter announced a new business opening called The Arena.

#### Ordinances and Resolutions

1-2013 Mechanical Fee – **Councilman Esplin motion to approve Ordinance Resolution 1-2013 Mechanical Fees by title only and suspend readings of Resolution Approving A Fee Structure For Mechanical Inspections. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

#### Open Forum

Beau Ziemer informed Council the blue ribbons that are being hung around town are for Child Abuse Awareness Month. Also the Robert Manwill Run will be held April 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Esplin let fellow council members know he has moved and where to send his council packets in the future.

Councilwoman Mayer reminded everyone of the QRU Raffle.

#### Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22 pm.

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Joe Cook, Mayor

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Danielle Painter, City Clerk