

New Plymouth City Council Public Hearing  
17 August  
6:30 pm  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

The New Plymouth City Council held a public hearing at the New Plymouth City Hall on Monday, 17 August 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Joe Cook called the meeting to order. Role call was taken with Councilwoman Mayer, Councilmen Cline and York in attendance. Councilman Esplin arrived 5 minutes later and was in attendance for the public hearing.

Guests included Gloria Beutler, Anne A. Esplin, Randy V Frates, Milt Hooper, Jerry Jones, Bill and Janet Warnke, Dale Williamson, Nate Jones, Scott Moscrip and Cory Loveland. Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering was present as well as staff members Beau Ziemer, Public Works Director, Deputy City Clerk, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk.

The meeting was opened to testimony regarding the FY 2009-2010 City Budget. First to speak was Dale Williamson. He mentioned that the meeting was posted at a different time than it was being held. That issue was resolved before the meeting following a call to the city attorney. Among other comments regarding the budget Williamson spoke to the taxing of the city and he stated that he supported the budget.

Randy Frates testified that he was opposed to the 3% tax increase in the budget. He spoke of transportation and the need for better roads but that the people of New Plymouth would vote down a tax increase if the issue was placed before them. He also stated that the increase was small enough that there would be little progress made on the roads within the city.

Scott Moscrip stated that he was gravely concerned about a few being taxed to spread across the city for the benefit for the many. He is desirous of having the cost spread over all the city residents, not just a few.

Milt Hooper stated among other things that he did not think the 3% would do any good due to the size of the amount.

Gloria Beutler stated that she did not think that water bills should be raised to repair streets.

Nate Jones stood to ask questions regarding the budget process. He was informed that he could testify but could not expect the council to answer the questions during this public hearing.

Milt Hooper stated again that he was not in favor of the budget as it was being

presented.

Bill Warnke stated that he was in favor of the budget as it was being presented.

Staff member Leon K. Jensen mentioned to the Mayor and Council that the attorney in an earlier conversation during the day that the council needed to give sufficient time to the public for the hearing. The hearing started at 6:30 pm and has gone on for about 45 minutes. That should be ample time for the hearing to continue and the city Clerk recommend that the council close the meeting and begin the regular council meeting.

Councilman Esplin moved to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.

Councilwoman Mayer moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.

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Joe Cook, Mayor

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Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk, Treasurer

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