

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
TUESDAY
18 January 2011
7:00 p.m.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 18th of January 2011 the city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Erik Cline. Mayor Joe Cook was absent from the meeting. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline, York and Esplin in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Leon K. Jensen and Beth Ann Christensen. Guests included Max Grogan of the Senior Citizens Center, Kit Kamo of the Snake River Economic Development Alliance (SREDA), Susan Pearce, Jacob Pearce, Anne Esplin, Brent Evans, Raymond Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering and Kay Jones of the New Plymouth Library Board.

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

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

New Business

Senior Citizens – Max Grogan – Continue current billing arrangement. Mr. Grogan stated that the Senior Citizens center has been happy with the arrangement with the city this past year. He thanked the city council and requested that the same arrangement be allowed for the coming year. **Councilman York moved to extend the current billing for one year. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Dolly Vickery – Water leak / billing questions. Ms Vickery stated that her parents had moved into an assisted living center and left their home vacant. While it was vacant she thought that the irrigation water was leaking and so turned off that source of water. As it turned out the water line to her home was broken and leaking. The leak was so bad that she had a water bill which was very large. She had public works check her meter and she did have a water leak. Her bill was over \$800 dollars. She requested that she get some relief. Staff reported that she had made some payments on the bill trying to reduce her bill. **Councilman Esplin moved that the bill be reduced to \$200 dollars and paid off over a six month period of time. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Holladay Engineering – Andy Gehrke – S Plymouth Ave Abandonment. Andy reported about the switchover from an old sewer line to the new line which is now in place. Mr. Ziemer explained that there is no way to maintain the old system. The city stubbed the line to the properties and would now like the property owners to hook to the new system. The old line will be abandoned. All the work would be on private property. There was concern expressed about city liability for the hook ups along the way. There are about 17 homes which need hooked up. An incentive option was discussed. The council suggested that Public Works contact the City of Wilder in order to help us determine how much cost per house is involved. More discussion was held regarding a letter to the patrons, change orders, costs of the project, etc. Public Works is to check with the City of Wilder and report back at the next city council meeting.

Holladay Engineering – Andy Gehrke – Engineering Status Report. Andy reported that he prepared and provided a report which was in each packet for the council. No action was taken.

Schedule public hearing - code update – 7-Feb -11 @ 6:45pm. **Councilman Esplin moved to hold a public hearing on city code updates on 7 February 2011 @ 6:45pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Lori Hilliard – Questions regarding large animal permits and zoning. She resides at 416 Ada Road and wanted to confirm with the city that zoning is correct for them to have four large animals on their property. They also wanted to confirm that they did need to get a permit for each animal from the city. The city council agreed and stated that she should be in compliance.

Kit Kamo SREDA – discuss economic issues – 541-881-5597, Ext 5597, 208-230-5214 Kit reported that she is working to get new businesses to locate in the area. She wanted to have the council be thinking about what type of businesses they would like to have in the city.

Old Business

None

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Open Forum

Kay Jones of the New Plymouth City Library Board asked the status of the moving of the library. The council reported that the potential move is still in the negotiation process.

Jacob Pearce reported on the completion of his Eagle Scout Project. His project was a canned food and coat drive for the New Plymouth area. He stated that he contacted 14 churches and 8 of them accepted his offer. He set up four drop off locations for collection points. Items were collected and distributed before Christmas of this past year. Jacob thanked the council for their support and they in turn thanked him for his work.

Mayor and Council comments

Councilwoman Mayer stated that Ralph White is now homebound due to age. He is an icon to the area. It was suggested that the city write a letter to Ralph and thank him for his many years of service to the community. Councilman York also asked that a letter of thanks be written to Jacob Pearce for his work on the Eagle Project of a canned food and coat drive for the community.

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 7:35 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer