

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
18 June 2012
7:00 p.m.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 18th of June 2012 the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Warnke, York and Esplin in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer and Beth Ann Christensen. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

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

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

Old Business

Van Truck Purchase Update – Mr. Ziemer reported that the paperwork process for purchase has begun.

Soil and Water Conservation Service presentation – Joann Smith, Chairman of the Payette Soil and Water Conservation Service expressed thanks to the city of New Plymouth for past support. She mentioned that they receive financial support from other sources. Councilman York mentioned the support from the city in the past as being a \$500.00 contribution. **Councilman Esplin moved that the city contribute \$500.00 to the Payette Soil and Water Conservation Service. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Professional Services Agreement Holladay Engineering – Andy Gherke spoke regarding a Pathway Grant Application for the city. Mr. Ziemer stated that Andy had a contact with a grant writer who would come in to the city and help write the grant for the city. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Holladay Engineering on providing consulting engineering services for a Park Pathways Grant Application with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Course Layout for Bicycle Rodeo – Beau Ziemer reported that the information has been presented to the council for their review. The activity was to take place during the Horse Shoe Daze celebration. The course was laid out and the participation was not as good as in prior years.

FY 2012-2013 Budget Information - Public Works Director Beau Ziemer presented a working draft of the budget for council review. At this point the budget does not balance. Beau stated that the budget was prepared looking at a \$1.00 raise for his employees. Budgeted labor costs were high and benefits have not been figured in as yet. He stated that he has three part time employees he uses to fill in and he also rotates their time to help avoid extra time by the full time employees. For a regular city employee, comp time is to be avoided. He asked the council if they wanted to trim the budget and balance it. Councilman Esplin stated that he would like to see the budget in a form for approval without having to make substantial changes by the council. He stated that he would like to see a budget that would really work. Councilman York stated that

he would like to see a real workable budget and that he was okay with a dollar an hour raise for city employees. Qualifications of employees were discussed in relation to any potential raises which may be given. A schedule of raises was discussed, such as \$.50 now and \$.50 sometime in the future of the coming budget year. Mr. Ziemer stated that the job has changed a lot over the years and that the city employees are busy. The part time employees are busy at different times sweeping streets now which has not been the case in the past. He stated that the part time employees are working about 30 hours a week.

FY 2012-2013 Budget Information – City Hall/Library, Beth Ann Christensen stated that the budget information presented by the city hall staff was pretty tight. Health insurance costs were discussed. Rate of increase for health insurance costs ranges from 10-14%. The council discussed dates for a budget workshop. **Councilman Esplin moved to set the FY2012-2013 Budget Workshop at 6:30pm on 9 July 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.** Discussion continued about possible hearing dates for the FY 2012-2013. The council settled on the 6th of August for a hearing date for the FY2012-2013 Budget but no motion was made setting the date.

Ordinances and Resolutions – There were none for approval.

Open Forum – no information presented.

Mayor and Council Comments – No comments

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned about 7:45 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer