

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
18 March 2013
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 18th of March 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, York and Esplin in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Danielle Painter and Beau Ziemer. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

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

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

Old Business

Base Rates – **Councilman Esplin motioned to table the agenda item until next meeting. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

New Business

Public Hearing for 3% increase for Bldg. Permits and Mechanical Fees – There were no community members in attendance for this matter.

Robert Presher Business License – Robert Presher came and introduced his new business to the City Council and made them aware that he was issued a business license.

Business License Clarification – City Clerk Danielle Painter requested clarification for the Business License ordinance. In the ordinance, no where does it state that business licenses need to be approved by City Council. Councilman York feels that the council does need to approve all business licenses for the city. Council discussed getting legal advise on this issue from the City Attorney. **Councilwoman Mayer motioned to have the item tabled until next meeting. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Paving E. McKinley Street – Charles Lewis from 111 E. McKinley, brought a petition with all residence signatures that live on E. McKinley street to have the road paved. In the summertime the road is very dusty and everyone on the street agrees they all pay city taxes therefore that road should be paved. Councilman Esplin agreed the road should be paved, but he explained the City's dilemma is having the funds to do it. Councilman Warnke mentioned that this sounds like the perfect group to do a Local Improvement District. Councilman York mentioned that he thinks the best thing to do is to have Public Works go down and check on the water and sewer main. Next put a cost to the whole project. Then the residence on E. McKinley can sit down with the council and decide whether or not the residence are responsible for the entire cost, or if the city will pay for half it, or all of it. Beau Ziemer spoke and explained there is a width issue and there would need to be a hammer head at the end of it to even be considered a street. This is why it has never qualified for a grant.

Sewer Pounds – John Skinner came to make a complaint about hunting at the sewer pounds. He would like clarification if the sewer pounds are for public access. On the last day of goose season, there were

people driving on the dykes as well as a boat being seen in the pound itself. John explained that there is a fine for having public access to the sewer pounds, according to the EPA. Beau Ziemer explained it is closed access, but if people asked to hunt in there, the city has never turned them away. The public is not allowed to get in the pounds, but they can walk the dykes only if permission is granted and they have a business card from Beau Ziemer. Councilman York agreed this is something that should be checked out due to the liability.

Budget Hearing Date – City Clerk Danielle Painter requested Council to set the budget hearing date for August 19th at 6:30pm. There will be a workshop set in June and one set in July. **Councilman York motioned to approve the budget date of August 19th. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Kiwanis Park – City Clerk Danielle Painter made a request to have it No Dogs Allowed in Kiwanis park due to community members not picking up after their animals. Public Works is having to spend extra time picking up manure to avoid complaints. Rather than making it no dogs allowed, Councilman Esplin mentioned putting a note in everyone's water bill to remind them to pick up after their dog as well as pitting it in the New Plymouth news paper and if the manure continues to not be picked up by the owner of the animal, then the parks will have to close to all dogs. **Councilman Esplin motioned to have a note written to the public that we are thinking about closing the parks to all dogs. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Open Forum – None

Mayor and Council Comments – Councilwoman Mayer reminded everyone the Easter Egg Hunt is March 30th. Councilman York reminded everyone that the water is getting ready to come in the canal, so everyone be careful and do not let your children near the canals. Mayor Cook let the council aware that on March 13th thru the 15th the Idaho Rural Water Association had their annual meeting and several of the cities employees attended. City Clerk Danielle Painter was nominated and then awarded Administrator of the Year. This was due to her collections of outstanding water bills and being able to maintain a friendly relationship with all community members. Since this council has been together several of the cities employees have been awarded by this company starting with Jeremy Howell, Beau Ziemer, Dax Pearson and now Danielle Painter. This says a lot for the town of New Plymouth and what we are trying to accomplish. Beau Ziemer was also elected on to the water board for the Idaho Rural Water Association. Mayor Cook also stated he is very proud of the City Team.

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 7:58 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk