

Public Hearing
New Plymouth City Council
19 January 2010
7:00 pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

The New Plymouth City Council held a public hearing at the New Plymouth City Hall on Tuesday 19 January 2010 at 7:05 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 at 7:07 pm.

Guests included Steve West, Jeff Kirn, Dallas Hawker, Ron LaHaie, Elden Isask, Seth Austin, Jody Austin, Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering, Charles Watkins, Cindy and Tony Shaver, Cory Loveland and Steve Myers. Staff members present were Beau Ziemer, Public Works Director, Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk and Beth Ann Christensen, Deputy Clerk.

The first item of business was New Plymouth Assembly of God Church – Requesting a zoning classification from Residential B, Single Family Duplex, to Residential C, Single Family Duplex – Multi Family

The applicant, Elden Isaak, presented information regarding the request. A landscaping plan was presented. The first floor will contain two residences and the basement will contain two residences. Electrical services are being redone by an electrician. There will be a grassy area for children along with parking on the street and paved off street parking. The old building next to the old church will be torn down and parking will replace that building. The main building will be repainted and gates and fences will be put in place.

The City of New Plymouth is considering Ordinance 327 which amends Title 3, Section 3-3-8 (B) by setting minimum rates that need to be paid to support the city infrastructure; making the property receiving services subject to those debts; setting an effective date; establishing severability; repealer; allowing for publication by summary.

Staff reported the need to determine whether the city should be collecting base infrastructure fees for units when they are vacant. There was discussion about the need for this ordinance. It may be wise to make no changes at this time regarding the empty or vacant units. If the city chooses to take no action then the occupied residences of the city in affect subsidize those vacant units. Staff had given the council information in August of 09 regarding possible actions when considering actions to take with vacant properties.

Tony Shaver stated that property owners are paying for a service they are not using when the units lie vacant. He believed that rates were set on an average basis. He believes that it is unfair that he should be paying for vacant units. He also stated that other cities where they have rentals basic service fees are not charged.

Discussion continued over a variety of issues including, fees charged, how to divide the billing and what costs make up base fee charges. There was concern expressed over the amount of the base fee being charged. The council explained why the fees are charged as they are and expressed their thanks to Mr. Shaver. Discussion further continued about the repayment of the

bond for water, sewer and water improvements and how much those fees are.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk, Treasurer

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