

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

On the 4th 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, York and Esplin in attendance. Councilman Warnke was out of town.

Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer and Leon K. Jensen. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

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. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Old Business

Van Truck Purchase – Mr. Ziemer presented copies of the bid/quotes for the purchase of a vehicle. The price was quoted at 68K and Councilman York expressed his desire to move that the purchase be granted but that the price be set at 65K with the ability to go to 68K if necessary. Discussion ensued regarding convenience, need, emergencies and availability of a machine when needed. **Councilman York moved to have Mr. Ziemer purchase the truck at 65K and allow the negotiated price to go to 68K if necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Possible rezone of property being used at trailer park – Staff reported that the planning and zoning commission members had been contacted and only two members of the commission responded. Both had differing ideas of what to do. The council requested that staff call a meeting of the commission to discuss the issue.

Engineering report – Andy Gherke reported on park pathways and potential funding. He reported on some information from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation – recreational trails program. He has set a meeting with them in town on Wednesday the 6th of June. The transportation plan will be discussed along with maps of the city which can be reviewed.

Responsibility for Irrigation Pipe – Mr. Ziemer reported that there are a couple of pipes crossing E Idaho which deliver water from the Noble ditch to seven different patrons and multiple users. The city attorney responded on the question of whose responsibility it is for maintenance of the ditch. The council suggested that in the letter, which Mr. Ziemer plans to write to the property owners, reference could be made to the letter from the city attorney. It is the opinion of the city attorney that once the water is delivered to the property owner's head gate, the water system becomes the responsibility of the property owner to pipe the water and / or care for the system.

New Plymouth Rural Fire Station report – Beau Ziemer reported that the fire district consultant is not a qualified engineer who can engineer stamp a copy of plans for the fire district which can be given to the city as required. The city is not in favor of paying for a set of engineered plans for the fire district. The fire district was asked in 2011 to get some cost figures together and present them to the city for their review. At that time the city would review those cost figures. The fire district did not return with any prices as suggested. The discussion by the council continued stating that the city has had a review process in place for development within the city and it has worked. There was no disagreement among the city council members to the city using the process which has been used in the past. The council did not agree on any compensation for the fire district at the present time for plans or review of plans as was stated in the

development agreement between the city and the fire district. **Councilman Esplin moved to deny the request of the fire district for any cost sharing with the city and requested that the fire district provide the city with a set of full plans with an engineers stamp for full review. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Cajun Exploration Information – Mr. Ziemer presented information from the attorney regarding Cajun’s request for ground testing. There was discussion regarding a time frame to observe or look for any possible damage which may have occurred to any city property as a result of this type of thumping the ground for seismic testing. Andy Gherke of Holladay Engineering saw no obvious problems with this type of testing. The council appeared to have no objections to this process. **Councilman Esplin moved to allow the testing by Cajun Exploration. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Recognition Plaque – Councilman Esplin moved to approve the plaque for Mr. Brown who retired from the New Plymouth School District. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ordinances and Resolutions – There were none for approval.

Open Forum – no information presented.

Mayor and Council Comments – Mayor Cook commented on the conduct of the city public works director during a recent meeting with the fire district. It was a contentious meeting and he handled himself well.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned about 7:55 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer