

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
7 December 2009
7:00 p.m.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

The regular meeting of the New Plymouth City Council was held at the New Plymouth City Hall on Monday, 7 December 2009 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook.

Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline and York present and Councilman Esplin was absent. Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Connor White and Jeremy Brown (Holladay Engineering) were also present.

Regular Agenda - **Councilman York moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Consent Agenda - **Councilman Cline moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Old Business

Fee schedule for Sewer / Water Service Ordinance Update – Staff reported that the information from the last council meeting regarding this item was sent to the city attorney and that at the present time there has been no response from the city attorney.

Audit Firm information / discussion – Staff recommended that we continue this year with Jo Bolen of Gibbons, Scott & Dean LLP. Discussion followed by the council regarding audit costs as well as timeliness of the audit being completed. It was determined that we would inform her in writing regarding cost and getting the audit completed in a more reasonable time, hopefully by the end of February of 2010. **Councilman York moved to accept the bid by the audit firm of Gibbons, Scott & Dean LLP for another year including a letter from the city detailing a time frame and cost of the audit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Letter to Mr. Gillespi regarding City position on possible Nuclear Power Plant site – There was extensive discussion regarding the potential power plant, the site and concern with questions not answered. **Councilwoman Mayer moved to send a letter in favor of this request for a comprehensive plan change in land use. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline and the voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Plymouth Water Users discussion – Beau Ziemer, Public Works Director presented a timeline for required activities and actions regarding the city assuming control the water users association. There is a lot of needed planning to coordinate this action with the water company, the public works department and the city staff in city hall. Ordinances may need to be adopted as well as a fee structure to have water share fees collected for the first year of operation in advance of the irrigation operation for the next year. New Plymouth City Attorney Bert Osborn will need to review this process at all phases. Councilwoman Mayer moved to approve the timeline, for the water users, written by Beau Ziemer, Public Works

Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was questioned regarding Councilman York abstaining from the vote. It was later determined that the council had already approved this action on two different occasions, thus no motion was needed. It was then stated that the council approved the concept and that the actions regarding the water users go forward.

New Business:

Jeremy Brown – Holladay Engineering - Bodiford Construction – Certificate of Substantial Completion. **Motion to approve by Councilwoman Mayer, seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Jeremy Brown – Holladay Engineering - Bodiford Construction – Change Order No. 4. **Motion to approve by Councilwoman Mayer, seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Jeremy Brown – Holladay Engineering - Bodiford Construction – Payment Application No. 8. **Motion to approve by Councilwoman Mayer, seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Jeremy Brown – Holladay Engineering - Bodiford Construction – Payment Application No. 9 (Final). **Motion to approve by Councilwoman Mayer, seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Jeremy Brown – Holladay Engineering - Northwest Electrical, Inc. – Certificate of Substantial Completion. **Motion to approve by Councilman Cline, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Jeremy Brown –Holladay Engineering – Payment Application No. 21. **Motion to approve by Councilman York, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

No business

Open Forum

Connor White asked about the approval of the items of business with Holladay Engineering.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer mentioned that Help Them to Hope was still ongoing until the 22nd of December. Salting of the sidewalks was discussed and what products may be safe for the city to use without risk of damaging our sidewalks. Councilman York wished all Happy Holidays and to be aware of your neighbors, especially those who may be in need. A thank you card from Seth Austin for assistance with his Eagle Scout Project was presented to the council.

Adjournment

**Councilwoman Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cline.
The voting was unanimous in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer