

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
18 November 2013
6:00 pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 18th of November, 2013, the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Warnke, York, Esplin and Mayer in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Danielle Painter and Beau Ziemer.

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

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

Old Business

ADHOC Committee Update – Councilman Rick York gave a brief update on the progress of the fire coverage ad hoc committee. Councilman York stated that, although he couldn't give full disclosure of any of their meetings, he felt that it would be an effective committee and that all members seemed open and willing to compromise for the good of all involved.

New Business

FY2013 Financial Statement Review – Auditor Kurt Folke from Quest CPAs presented an overview of the FY2013 Financial Audit for the city. He first congratulated City Clerk Danielle Painter for doing a great job with accounting over the past year and for helping the auditing process go smoothly. He was impressed that she had worked through a backlog of bank reconciliations and was now keeping them current to present to council on a monthly basis. Mr. Folke then reviewed the financial numbers with council, specifically pointing to the increases the city was able to generate for various funds. He also mentioned that expenses were being kept under control, helping to create a balanced budget. After making a few accounting recommendations and answering questions from council, Mr. Folke stated that the city received an overall nine out of ten rating, which was better than most cities. **Councilman York moved to approve the FY2013 Financial Statement. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Seismic Agreement – Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer provided the council with information regarding a seismic study outside of and within the city limits. He discussed the process that would be used and the possible effects on residents, including use of land agreements with compensation and personal property coverage from blasting damage. Councilman York commented that he would prefer that the surveying was done by vehicle rather than plane. Superintendent Ziemer stated that he would discuss the council's concerns with the study representative and then present an agreement that would require the mayor's signature. **Councilman Esplin moved to give consent for approval of an agreement for seismic study. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Executive Session 67-2345

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

Councilwoman Mayer moved to enter the executive session. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The executive session convened at approximately 6:20 pm.

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

The executive session adjourned at approximately 6:40 pm.

Councilman Esplin moved to reconvene the regular council meeting. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer raised the question regarding direct deposit for employee pay checks. City Clerk Painter responded that it was something she would look into with Julia Harrison at Zions Bank and stated that she felt it would be beneficial for the city. Councilwoman Mayer also expressed appreciation for City Clerk Painter's continued work on the city finances and her assistance with the current audit. She also wished all a happy thanksgiving. Councilman Esplin questioned the meeting schedule for the month of December and it was requested that one meeting be held on December 2nd. Councilman York raised the topic again of dogs running-at-large and requested more information about a prior dog attack. Councilwoman Mayer responded that the incident had been resolved. Councilman York also wished everyone a happy thanksgiving. He then asked about the upcoming city tree lighting and City Clerk Painter gave an update on the tree and other plans for the event. She expressed her enthusiasm and reminded everyone to plan to attend.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk