

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
02 December 2013
7:00 pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 2nd of December, 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 Warnke, York and Mayer in attendance. Councilman Esplin was absent from the meeting.

Staff members in attendance were Danielle Painter and Beau Ziemer.

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

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

Old Business

Rural Fire Department Site Plan Update – Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer provided an update on the resubmitted fire department site plan. He stated that he and Andy Gerhke from Holladay Engineering had reviewed the plan and drafted an acceptance letter for the council to approve. Superintendent Ziemer informed the council that the revised plan included all they had been asked to do and now conformed to the conditional use permit. He then mentioned that the Rural Fire Department had requested a ten year window to complete the site work and asked the council for their opinion on that time-frame. Mayor Cook added that he felt it was an important discussion to have. Councilwoman Myer commented that, in her opinion, ten years was an awfully long time. Superintendent Ziemer stated that he believed it had already taken ten years to come up with an acceptable site plan. Councilman York commented that he would like to see a breakdown or the specific work that would be completed each year to track the progress made. Councilwoman Mayer expressed concern that a ten year allowance would set a negative precedent for future projects. Councilman Warnke questioned what the budget was for the project and if work could be planned according to a set amount every year or even every three years. After some discussion, the council decided to table the issue pending more information and advice from the city attorney. **Councilwoman Mayer moved to table the acceptance of the New Plymouth Rural Fire Department revised site plan. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Business

Water Usage at Seventh-Day Adventist Church – a letter from Karen Ronk, treasure of the New Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Church, was presented requesting a billing correction for their water bill. Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer was consulted about a possible water leak possibly affecting their water reading and he responded that he had inspected the meter and the property and determined that the meter was working properly and there was no evidence of a leak on the property. He stated that the leak mentioned in the street was on the city side of the water line and hadn't affected the property meter. He also mentioned that while checking the property he noticed an unsecured faucet near the property line that could be easily accessed and may have contributed to the unusual water usage. City Clerk Danielle Painter commented that the precedent had been set that the city would pay half of the amount charged above the base charge in this type of situation. In light of this information, the council determined that the city would be willing to split the difference and credit their account the appropriate amount. **Councilman York moved to credit the church account for half of the charges. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Marty Cook and Mike Bolen – Horse Property – No representative was present.

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman York questioned whether a second council meeting would be held in December and it was determined that another meeting wouldn't be necessary until January. Councilman Warnke mentioned that he appreciated the lights and wreaths put up by city employees along main street and felt that the city looked very festive. Mayor Cook then stated that city policy had always been that any resident making a request of the council attend the meeting to make their request in person and felt that it needed to remain the policy. He also presented an article published in the Boise Weekly regarding Dwayne and Jeannette Mayer and promoting respect for veterans. He recommended that everyone read the article, if possible. Councilman York offered the definition of the Latin phrase "ad hoc" to the council: small committee or group. Thanks, Rick! City Clerk Painter reminded everyone about the New Plymouth City Christmas Tree Lighting to be held Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk