

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
07 October 2013
7:00 pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 7th of October 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 not in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Danielle Painter and Beau Ziemer. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

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

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

Old Business

Rural Fire Department Update – City Clerk Danielle Painter confirmed that the city had not received any further communication from the New Plymouth Rural Fire Department or their attorney since the public hearing held on the 23rd of September, 2013. Councilman York commented that despite the lack of information regarding the proposed ad hoc committee, he had asked a couple of local residents to serve on the committee. He stated that he had spoken to Realtor Cathy Meyers and retired Principal Darrell Brown and both had agreed to be considered. Councilman Warnke and Councilwoman Mayer agreed that those were both good choices. Councilman York then mentioned that he would also like to be considered for a position when the decision is made. Councilman Warnke commented that he would like the council to be prepared for the time when the committee is formed with people in place to fill those positions. Mayor Cook wanted to make it known that the current contract between the City of New Plymouth and the New Plymouth Rural Fire District had indeed been extended. The Rural Fire Department had agreed to provide coverage for the city at the current rate until 30 September 2014. The Mayor and Council members expressed their relief and added that the response they had received from both city and county residents had been supportive of the extension. Mayor Cook stated that the decision the Rural Fire Department had made to retain legal counsel was a positive step toward a fair agreement with the city. Councilman York agreed that it would benefit the city residents to have legal advice going forward. **Councilman Warnke moved to table this item and to retain it on subsequent agendas until it has been resolved. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Tuttle Blacksmith Shop Update – City Clerk Painter commented that she had spoken to Police Chief Moore and he had approached the owner of the business regarding the ordinance violations at his property. Chief Moore stated that some cleanup had been done and that he planned to stay on top of the issue going forward. Chief Moore did comment to City Clerk Painter that other businesses in that area might also be in violation and the owner of Tuttle Blacksmith Shop felt singled out for complaints. Councilwoman Mayer asked if he was referring to a specific business and City Clerk Painter answered that Brent Edwards and the location of his catering truck had been mentioned. There was some discussion regarding conditional use permits in general and what was or was not allowed on city streets. City Clerk Painter restated that no documents pertaining to the Blacksmith Shop had been located. Mayor Cook suggested exploring Planning & Zoning records for possible information. **Councilman York moved to table this item until more information could be gathered. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Business

Negotiation Services, LLC – Larry Rincover from Negotiation Services, LLC presented a status report on the Holly St project. He requested an authorization to proceed with the offers to the affected residences. Mr Rincover stated that the city needed to have a minimum compensation policy in place for some of the offers that only required a temporary construction easement. He recommended that the minimum policy be set at \$150.00. **Councilwoman Mayer moved to adopt a minimum compensation policy for the city of \$150.00. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Open Forum

None

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer mentioned that it was nice to see all the scarecrows decorating Plymouth Ave, although the vandalism was very disappointing. She stated that the downtown area has been cleaned up so well and it's unfortunate that theft and vandalism have to happen in our city. Councilwoman Mayer also wanted to thank the Kovich family for sponsoring the scarecrow contest. Councilman York reminded the council that he would be absent for the 21 October 2013 council meeting. Mayor Cook commented that he had received high praise for the Public Works Department and the maintenance of the boulevards and parks this summer. Good job!

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk