

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
17 December 2012
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 17 of December 2012 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 Mayer, Warnke, York, and Esplin in attendance.

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

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

Consent Agenda – Councilman Esplin would like to amend the consent agenda to state December 3rd Council Minutes. **Councilman Esplin motion to approve amended consent agenda. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Old Business

Loan to Street Department Discussion - Beau requested that this be removed from the agenda until he has had a chance to discuss with Bert Osborn, City Attorney. Council agreed to have this be put back on as Old Business once Beau has further information from Bert.

III-A Insurance – Beth Ann informed council that as of today, the III-A insurance is still in effect. Some of the other Idaho Cities are extremely scared and are threatening to pull out of their contract. Councilman Warnke had a conversation with Rick Watkins of Fruitland and he informed us that as of December 4th, the III-A had 1.3 million and the State Insurance Board waived the extra three hundred thousand that they needed to come up with and will be monitoring business as usual. Councilman Esplin stated that it would be best for the department heads to get together and figure out what insurance is best for the city employees and then bring it forth to council to be decided for the year of 2014. Danielle, Beau, and Beth Ann will get together on or around July 1st and start viewing various insurance policies.

New Business

Truck Parking (Susan Heitz) – Susan Heitz was not present at the council meeting and therefore was suggested that this item be removed until Susan has herself put back on the agenda. **Councilman Esplin motioned to have Susan Heitz be taken off the agenda until she puts herself back on to discuss truck parking, Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Legislative Committee Appointment – Beau would like the Council to approve him going to the Legislative Committee meetings and using city time and equipment. There are approximately three meetings a year. **Councilman York motioned to have Beau Ziemer allowed to attend Legislative Committee Meetings. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Legislative Committee Meeting Review – Beau made packets for the council as to what was discussed at the meeting. Beau touched on the Personal Property tax issue. There is a good chance that the personal property tax is going to go away and therefore will cut roughly Twenty thousand dollars of income to New Plymouth city. It was discussed in order to make up for this potential loss, to increase some of the cities

fees that are charged. For example raising the cost of copies; The City is currently charging five cents a copy and could start charging twenty cents a copy. Councilwomen Mayer suggested these fees be discussed at the Workshop on January 7th and see what the prices should be. She would also like to know what accounts the money is being applied to.

Mayor Cook is going to write a letter of response on how cutting personal property tax will affect our city. If Council agrees with the letter, their signatures may be on the document as well.

Award E. Idaho and Holly Water Sewer Project – Warrington Construction was lowest bid at \$136,614.00. Beau Ziemer and Andy Gehrke would like a motion to accept Warrington Construction's bid. **Councilman Esplin motioned to have low bidder Warrington Construction be awarded E. Idaho and Holly Water Sewer Project. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Grant Application - Andy Gehrke presented in front of council the grant application Holladay Engineering is preparing for the City of New Plymouth. Andy mentioned to make the application stronger, Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation would like to see a motion from the Council that they approve of the application being filed. **Councilman Esplin motioned to approve Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Application. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favour of the motion.**

Mayor and Council Comments

Happy Holidays! Move Workshop to January 21st at 6:30.

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 7:36 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk