

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
Monday
19 October 2009
7:00 pm
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, 19 October 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 Esplin present. Councilman York was not present for the meeting. Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Anne Esplin, Fred Jones, Andy Gerhke and Sandra Miesbach were also present.

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

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

Old Business

Fee schedule for Sewer / Water Service – The city of Emmett was contacted about their code. They have no code for water shut off, only a policy stating a shut off fee of \$25.00 which is used to turn the water back on when needed. Staff spoke with Heath Price and he suggested that we recalculate water rates each budget year and at a minimum a 3% increase each year should be taken, just to cover increase of costs. Staff sent an email to the Council regarding an ordinance to cover base costs of the infrastructure of the city. **Councilwoman moved to have the city attorney write an ordinance on how to handle a water vacancy in the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Audit Firm information / discussion – Staff requested who of the council would like to meet with the two new auditors under consideration to prepare the city audit for this past fiscal year. Councilwoman Mayer stated that she would be happy to meet with them, as did Mayor Cook. Later in the afternoon would be the best for our council and Mayor. Staff will contact the auditors and ask them to attend a meeting with the Mayor and at least one member of the council to review their audit proposal with them.

Letter from Jo Bolen, auditor was presented to staff. There was no discussion regarding her letter.

New Business:

Sandra Miesbach – to discuss possible sign manufacturing business within the Impact Area of the City of New Plymouth. This item of business was not discussed at the previous council meeting as it was overlooked by the applicant. A site plan was presented and called Exhibit A as part of her request. Sandra Miesbach stated her request and is seeking a favorable opinion of the city regarding her request.

Councilwoman Mayer moved to approve a favorable recommendation to the request to operated a sign shop during the winter months and to allow recreational vehicles to staly no longer than eight months if the rezone request for a commercial zone is approved by the county. It is expected that recreational vehicles may stay as long as 8 months. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the request. Staff was directed to send a letter of recommendation to the County and a letter to the applicant as well.

Phase II documents to sign - Andy Gehrke, Holladay Engineering, Those documents were signed and returned to Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering.

Water Project Phase 2 – Amendment 4 for resident project representative (RPR) construction observation services. This is for the next phase of the water project and covers the construction observation that will be needed. Information was presented to the council, budget figures were discussed with the public works director. **Councilman Cline moved to approve the Water Project Phase 2 – Amendment 4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Doug Argo of Holladay Engineering – GEM agreement, Doug Argo was late due to auto difficulties. Beau Ziemer discuss the information with the council and explained the benefits to the city. The agreement consists mainly of how to work with other entities regarding the sharing and use of each others equipment. By forming this association it is expected that certain products may be able to be acquired at a more competitive rate. There is no cost associated with belonging to this association.

Eldon Isaak to discuss possible options for potential rezone which was denied. Mr. Isaak came into the office this morning and decided that he would not discuss anything with the council and will do some more preparation before he makes a new application and request. Councilman Esplin suggested that Mr. Isaak concentrate on the rezone of the property first before he spends many dollars for engineering, etc. Staff was directed to contact Mr. Isaak and inform him of such.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance 325, Idaho Power Franchise Agreement – Idaho Power has notification requirements that need met. We will now accomplish those and should have this item back on the schedule for completion by the second Monday in November.

Open Forum

None

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilwoman Mayer encouraged all to get out and vote. The completion of the road construction was discussed.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer