

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
19 July 2010
7:00 p.m.
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 July 2010 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook at about 7:05 pm. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer and Cline in attendance. Councilmember's York and Esplin were absent. The meeting ended with no quorum in attendance.

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THURSDAY
22 July 2010
7:00 p.m.
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The New Plymouth City Council was polled and all responded favorably to scheduling a special meeting. A meeting was scheduled and posting of the meeting was completed. The meeting was held at the New Plymouth City Hall on Thursday 22 July 2010 at 7:00 pm.

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook at about 7:05 pm. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline, York and Esplin in attendance. Staff members in attendance were Leon K. Jensen, Beth Ann Christensen and Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer.

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

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

Old Business

1. Report regarding Peterson home for cleanup – Staff reported that the building official reported that the building should stand for a time and that he recommends that the property owner be given more time to continue with the clean up of the home. The weeds have been mowed and some clean up has been done. The home is not completely secure from trespassers. The council agreed to allow the home owner more time to remedy the situation.

New Business:

2. Bridge Energy Hamilton Development Program – Andy Gehrke – Holladay Engineering. Public Works Director Beau Ziemer reported that he and Andy Gerhke, New Plymouth City Engineer, met and determined that it was too risky to allow drilling of the Shoemaker well in the New Plymouth Well delineation zone. Bridge Energy's delineations do not align with those provided by DEQ. DEQ will not accept any delineation except those as provided by DEQ. He reported that it takes about three years for water from the surface to travel to the aquifer. He discussed possible insurance coverage by Bridge Energy but it may not be lasting. An appeal option by the city was

discussed in case of approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Ziemer would like to create a policy about drilling within the city delineation zones. He suggests a letter from the city to the County Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the position of the city. He also suggested that the city write an ordinance in order to protect the city well water. He stated that the city is not against drilling wells but is vitally concerned that the water for the city be protected. **Councilwoman Mayer moved that the Council follow the recommendation of the Public Works Director and the city engineer and write a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission stating our position. The letter, including conditions / requirements, is to be read by a representative of the city during the upcoming public hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.** Discussion continued about other wells just out of town, including Korn, and possible new wells in the area of good water. etc.

3. Water Rate review – Public Works Department – Beau Ziemer presented water rate information for council review. Water rates would increase by a 53 cent base raise and an 8 cent per thousand gallon water raise. Hook up fees would also increase. The raises would help pay for the impact on the system currently in place. The council discussed a rate fee increase as proposed by the Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer.
4. Sewer Rate review – Public Works Department– Beau Ziemer presented sewer rate information for council review. The council discussed a sewer rate fee increase as proposed by the Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer. Following the discussion of both sewer and water rate increases **Councilman Esplin moved to have a public hearing regarding possible water and sewer fee increases. The public hearing would be held on the 16th of August 2010 at 7pm in the New Plymouth City Hall Library. The regular city council meeting would immediately follow the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**
5. Dallas Hawker – NPF D Discussion – Mr. Hawker declined the initiation by Mayor Cook to attend the city council meeting and discuss alternate locations for a new fire station for the New Plymouth Rural Fire Department. Mayor Joe Cook reported that he has taken Mr. Hawker to several alternate locations which may be appropriate for a new fire department building. None of the sites which were visited by Mr. Hawker and Mayor Cook were acceptable to Mr. Hawker.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Open Forum – No comment

Mayor and Council Comments

No comments

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer