

Public Hearing  
New Plymouth City Council  
1 November 2010  
6:45 pm  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

The New Plymouth City Council held a public hearing at the New Plymouth City Hall on Monday 1 November 2010 at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Joe Cook called the meeting to order. Role call was taken with Councilwoman Mayer, Councilmen Cline and York in attendance. Councilman Esplin was absent but arrived at approximately 6:50 pm.

Staff members included City Clerk, Leon K. Jensen and Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer.

This public hearing is to receive testimony regarding an amended Idaho Power Franchise Agreement - The City of New Plymouth is considering Ordinance 330, an agreement with Idaho Power Company to construct, maintain and operate in and upon the present and future streets, alleys, highways and other public places within the corporate limits of the City, electric utility property and facilities for supplying electricity to the City, and the inhabitants thereof, and to persons and corporations beyond the limits of the City, including the nonexclusive right to physically locate and maintain telephone, cable, fiber optics or other communications facilities of the Grantee or other parties, all subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter specified. All such electric utility property and facilities now maintained by the Grantee within the streets, alleys, highways and other public places within the corporate limits of the City shall be deemed covered by this ordinance as provided herein.

Also, if authorized by formal adoption by the city, as compensation for the right, privilege and franchise hereby granted, Grantee agrees to pay to the City.....an amount equivalent to one and one half (1 ½%) of Grantee's gross revenues for the preceding calendar quarter. The Idaho Power Company will pay the city those fees and will in turn raise the Power rates of the city residents accordingly. Those fees paid to the city may be used for security lighting and/or other infrastructure needs.

Staff reported that Randy Wells called on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2010. He wanted the council to know that he was against the franchise agreement. He was understood that there was a lot of money being generated rather than a smaller amount. He stated that there are better ways to raise money. He was ill and would not be able to attend this meeting.

Staff also reported that the hearing was published in the regular newspaper and that a notice was also placed in the water bill which was sent out on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2010.

**Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the public hearing. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

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Joe Cook, Mayor

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Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk, Treasurer

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