

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
1 November 2010
7:00 p.m.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

No council meeting was held on the 18th of October due to not enough council members being present to conduct business.

On the 1st of November 2010 the city council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline, York, and Esplin in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer and Leon Jensen. Guests included Mike Ybarguen from Idaho Power, Jody Austin with two of her children, and Heidi Slagle with three sons.

Regular Agenda – **Councilman Esplin moved to amend the regular agenda and add item b Idaho Power Franchise Agreement under old business and approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

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

Old Business

Skateboarding sample ordinance – Complaint owner wanted signs. Copies of ordinances from other cities were provided in a previous packet to the city council. Councilman Esplin asked if there was a problem with our current Ordinance. Beau Ziemer, Public Works Director reported that the city does not address skateboarding in the current ordinance. He further stated that to enforce any such ordinance, signs would need to be posted. Mr. Ziemer thought that it should be left as is for now. Councilwoman Mayer stated that she would like to see no action at this time. A need for many signs was discussed and how those may detract from the looks of the city and that without them certain ordinances cannot be enforced. Property owners have the right to place signs on their own property. Councilman York would like to see a review of city ordinances after the first of the year. Ordinance requires signature, owner said he would sign it. Council decided not to take action on this complaint because there was only one complaint. **Councilman York moved to table this item of business until February 2011. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Idaho Power Franchise Agreement – During the public hearing a letter from Randy Wells was presented in opposition to this agreement. No other testimony was presented at the public hearing. **Councilman York moved to approve the Idaho Power Franchise Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Business:

Holladay Engineering – Andy Gherke - Status report regarding Transportation Funding Applications: Last year the city application for South Plymouth Avenue construction projects was 56th of 72 applications. Only the top ten were funded. To reapply at this time may give the city opportunity to have their application move up on the list. Cost to reapply is minimal due to the application already being completed for the previous year. Only minimal information is required to be changed.

Funding for signs was also discussed and could amount to \$30,000.00. Much work for the South Plymouth Avenue project has been done and there is hope that with this progress the city may stand a better opportunity for funding in 2011. The applications are due by 8 December 2010. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve Holladay Engineering in applying for the construction project investment program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

The City Council discussed the upcoming calendar during the holiday season, November and December. Following the discussion the council determined that council meetings will be held as usual on November 15th and December 6th. Council meetings on December 20th and January 3rd will be canceled because of some council members being unavailable during these times. Meeting times will be published. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve canceling the regular council meetings on December 20th 2010 and January 3, 2011 due to Council members being unavailable. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance 330 Amending Title 3, Section 3-3-8. **Councilman Cline moved to suspend the readings of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Open Forum

Heidi Slagel inquired about bicycling in town. Councilman Esplin stated that the city ordinance reads that no bicycling should be done in the business district of the city. Councilman York urged cyclists to stay away from the Senior Citizens Center between the hours of noon and 1:30 pm and be careful.

Mayor and Council comments

Councilman Esplin encouraged all to go vote! There was discussion about Kamiah Playoffs, located in Kamiah. Councilwoman Mayer stated that the Girls Cross County team placed sixth at the State meet. One runner from the boys cross county team attended state. Councilman York stated that the streets looked good and he liked the new street sweeper. Councilman York mentioned that with the leaves not all down at this time that the city cleanup may need to be extended for a week. Councilwoman Mayer stated that she likes the street sweeper.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer