

Public Hearing  
New Plymouth City Council  
MONDAY  
7 February 2011  
6:45 p.m.  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2011 the city council met in a public hearing regarding the adoption of the 2009 International Building Code and the latest versions of the International Residential Code, The International Mechanical Code, The International Fire Code, The International Energy Conservation Code, The current version of the State of Idaho, division of building safety, manufactured home installation standards, together with appendices thereto; The current version of the Idaho standard for public works construction, together with any amendments, changes, modifications, appendices or successor codes thereto; The latest edition of the uniform electrical code and the Uniform plumbing code.

The hearing was called to order at approximately 6:50 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Council members Cline, York and Esplin were in attendance. Councilwoman Mayer was absent due to the illness of a family member.

Staff members in attendance included Beau Ziemer and Leon K. Jensen. Guests in attendance were Dale Williamson, Amy Gibbons, city librarian and Daniel Grayson.

Mayor Cook opened the meeting for public comment. Dale Williamson of 510 E Idaho Street stood and stated that codes are guidelines and that most will not apply to the old original town site of New Plymouth. For new subdivisions the codes are fine. He did not think that the codes can be applied generally to the older homes in town. He stated that the lots on the inside and outside boulevard are long and narrow and meeting setbacks can be problematic.

Questions were asked regarding individuals meeting the code and how does one determine who is required to meet the code and to what degree. Many of these building questions can be discussed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and then brought to the city council. Councilman Cline asked how to apply the codes regarding the addition of rooms, etc. to homes and how does the code affect them.

Discussion continued about the encumbrance to property owners which is caused by the application of the codes, etc.

Following the completion of testimony **Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

The meeting closed at approximately 7:10pm.