

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
20 July 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, 20 July 2009 at approximately 7:25 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Joe Cook.

Roll call was taken with all council members present, Mayer, Cline, York and Esplin. Staff members in attendance were Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Anne Esplin, Jared Belanger and his wife were also present.

Councilman Esplin requested to add a new item to the agenda, item e, that being to discuss the adoption of the 2009-2010 Budget.

Regular Agenda - **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the agenda as amended, 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

- Report on software needs for the city. Staff believes that the Black Mountain software is the software that we should use as for accounting, etc. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the purchase of new Black Mountain software for use by the city clerk and staff. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**
- Review of destruction of documents. Staff reported that the attorney stated that some of the records should be retained and the information was given for informational purposes and that staff would prepare the legal documents for the council to vote on and sign and then the records would be taken to the best cost effective place and be destroyed.

New Business

- a. Jared Belanger of 4625 New Plymouth, Idaho spoke to the need for closing the park and for streets to be closed during the upcoming car show on Saturday the 25th. The time would be noon to 6pm. The council agreed that the event should go forward, being careful of parking so as not destroy concrete, lawn and so on.
- b. Holladay Engineering Sewer Project Engineering Payment Application No. 17 and
- c. Holladay Engineering Sewer Project Engineering Payment Application No. 17 were presented by Andy Gehrke. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve both applications, seconded by Councilman York with the voting unanimous in favor.**
- d. The New Plymouth Franchise agreement with Idaho Power was discussed. The paper work will be prepared and presented to the council for their action at the next council meeting, following review by the city Attorney.
- e. Discussion of the adoption of the budget. **Councilman Cline moved to adopt the budget with a 3% budget increase, and move our percentage allotments so the**

majority of that moves to the street fund which we can continue to use for operations and maintenance for street repair. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. Following a short discussion **Councilman Cline amended his motion to adopt the budget with a 3% budget increase, and move our percentage allotments (appropriations) so the majority of that moves to the street fund which we can continue to use for operations and maintenance for street repair and new construction.** **The amended motion was seconded by Councilman York.** By voice vote Councilman Cline and Councilman York voted in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Mayer and Councilman Esplin voted in opposition to the motion. The Mayor broke the tie vote by voting in favor of the motion. The budget was approved by a 3-2 vote in favor of the request.

Ordinances and Resolutions

The Mennonite Annexation document was discussed. It is ready for Council review and the Mayor's signature. The council did not think they needed to vote again on the annexation.

Open Forum, no comment

Mayor and Council comments, Councilwoman Mayer suggested that the Mayor should write a letter of appreciation to Randy Meyer because he was the true footwork behind the downtown painting. He has great energy. He put in lots and lots of hours and in September another push will begin on clean up. The buy a brick program will begin about that time to get another project at the Coop corner

Commissioner Cline reminded the public that the budget increases are looked at as a cost of living increase. The council has done a good job in the past not taking the cost of living increases which has lowered our position on the tax levy list. We have moved down amongst other cities but we cannot get ourselves too far behind in taking care of our city. This is for the long term good of the city, to keep it a pleasure place for people to want to move to.

Councilman York is continuing to keep working on the New Plymouth Irrigation. He wanted to see it in this year's budget so that it could be taken over by the city. He is still working on getting a meeting with the City Attorney and Jo Bolen (auditor) to work on making this happen.

Discussion then centered on the irrigation process for the city.

Mayor Cook thanked all who worked on the budget process.

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

The meeting adjourned about 8 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer