

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
21 June 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, 21 June 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, Cline and York present. Councilman Esplin was absent. Staff members in attendance were Leon K. Jensen and Public Works Director, Beau Ziemer. Guests included Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering and Carol West, a resident of the city.

Regular Agenda – **Councilwoman Mayer moved to approve the amended agenda. Councilman Cline seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

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

Old Business

- Staff reported that the letter to Jason Simonson was sent a letter regarding the burned out home and that no response has been received.
- Public Works Dump Truck Purchase – Beau Ziemer reported that the truck is in Boise and has new tires on it. Beau will take a check with him when he examines the truck before pickup. It was reported that the wiring on the truck is being repaired.
- John Peterson letter regarding home in New Plymouth – Staff reported that the city building inspector, Chad Brock has emailed the city. The home was solid, first floor and second, and that with the good floors the walls should stand. The Sheriff Deputy did not respond to the city with a letter regarding this matter. It was reported that the building needs boarded up. There are a lot of weeds around the home which is a potential fire hazard. It was determined that Mayor Joe Cook would speak to Phil Pitman, a cousin of Mr. Peterson about caring for the home. Councilman York requested that we get a letter from resident Chief of Police along with the email from the building official prior to the Mayor meeting with Mr. Pittman. **Councilman York moved that Mayor Cook visit with Phil Pitman regarding the John Peterson home. That the letter from the Sheriff department, the building official and a letter from the city be provided to Mr. Peterson. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

New Business:

- Luke Figart – Water billing questions – Beau reported that Luke had a leak and wanted to know if there was something that the city could do to adjust for the high water usage. Mr. Figart did not attend the council meeting. **Councilman York moved to table this item until Mr. Figart attended the meeting to present his information. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**
- Health Insurance update (Budget) – Staff reported that insurance looks to be up from 9-

18% and in one case a city has reported that theirs was to go up 28% Staff has contacted three different insurance carriers and have responses from two at this time. We will get out applications to start the process in preparation for a bid from the carriers.

- Staff reported that the budget worksheets are about completed and will be out shortly to the council and Mayor. The council would like to set a date to work on the budget next council meeting.
- No executive session was held.
- There was some discussion regarding fire department needs, such as an approach permit the Idaho Transportation Department and safety issues / questions. Councilman York stated that the fire department needs to present their information to the city for a building permit and development permit.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Open Forum – Carol West asked for information regarding a property exchange between the fire department, the Internet Truck Stop and the existing city hall. Mayor Joe Cook responded stating that the offer was to trade the existing property housing the Internet Truck Stop to the fire department. The fire department in turn would move into the current city hall building and city hall would move into the existing Internet Truck Stop building. The fire department has rejected the offer. They are planning on building on their vacant property which is in close proximity to New Plymouth High School.

Mayor and Council Comments – Councilwoman Mayer stated that there was a major turnout for Horseshoe DAZE . She also asked about some yard sales which were on the boulevard and if the city had given permission for those locations. Beau Ziemer stated tat he had not given permission but that everything was cleaned up and looked good when the activity came to a close.

There were positive comments regarding the improvements at the fair grounds via eagle scout projects (sod, flag pole and concrete work) and especially all the work that Cathy Myers did during this time.

There was discussion regarding not putting up flags for flagday. The patrons of the city should be informed that the city does not have brackets to put up on our light poles down town. Councilwoman Mayer suggested that we speak to the VFW and Kiwanis Club to see if something could be done here to help obtain brackets.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer