

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
21 September 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, 21 September 2009 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Joe Cook.

Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Cline, York and Esplin present. Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Anne Esplin, Bill Warnke and Andy Gerhke were also present.

Regular Agenda - **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Consent Agenda - **Councilman York moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Old Business

- a. Idaho Power Franchise Agreement – Update, Staff reported that the city attorney has not returned the agreement to the city following his review. We are waiting for that information before we can proceed.
- b. Census Committee Member from New Plymouth – Mayor Joe Cook stated that he would attend this committee meeting.
- c. Fee schedule for Sewer / Water Service – Report given by staff regarding charges for sewer and water despite the water being turned off. Staff was directed to check with other municipalities to see what process they use. Staff was directed to contact R & D and speak with them about our potential proposal. **Councilman Esplin moved to allow city employees to find a good program for the city with regard to the payment of infrastructure costs while units which are serviced by sewer and water are not occupied. Councilman York seconded the motion.** The voting was unanimous in favor.
- d. Randy Meyer – CO-OP Downtown Park Development. Mr. Meyer discussed a potential park which could be located at the corner of West Elm Street and North Plymouth Avenue, the property currently being owned by the Payette Valley Co-op. He discussed the possibility of having the city help with the legal document to empower the city to utilize this property for a city park. Liability insurance was discussed regarding the property. Councilman York thought that the property should be leased on an annual basis. This was generally agreed to by the council and Mr. Meyer. **Councilman Esplin moved to lease the property from the Co-op for a city park for one dollar per year as approved by the Co-op. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in favor.**

New Business:

- a. Fall Cleanup – Councilman Esplin moved that the city fall clean up would be from October 15th to November 15th. The motion was seconded by Councilman York and the voting was unanimous in favor.
- b. Discussion of bids from Audit firms – Three bids were presented to the council.

The council directed staff to provide them with information about the auditors and a possible recommendation. .

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Open Forum

None

Mayor and Council Comments

Discussion was held regarding the work on the highway through town.

Adjournment – **Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

The meeting adjourned about 7:30 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer