

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
Monday  
2 November 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, 2 November 2009 at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook.

Roll call was taken with council members York, Cline, and Esplin present. Councilmember Mayer was not present for the meeting. Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer, Beth Ann Christensen and Leon K. Jensen. Anne Esplin, Andy Gerhke and members of the Lance Austin family (Jody, Seth and Levi) were also present.

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

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

*Old Business*

Fee schedule for Sewer / Water Service – City Attorney Bert Osborn has been contacted and he is currently writing the ordinance for us.

Audit Firm information / discussion – Staff has met with all three auditors and have contacted some entities who have used the various auditors. Mayor Cook thinks it best to retain the current auditor. Councilman Esplin stated that Councilwoman Mayer was very impressed with Auditors Richins and Folke. Cost was discussed as well as the timeliness of receiving the audit. Councilman Esplin stated that Jo Bolen will add cost to the city if the audit goes over time versus the other auditors stating that no real extra cost should be added. Councilman York expressed his desire that we speak with Jo and state that we have to have the audit in a timely manner. If they cannot meet those conditions then we should perhaps look elsewhere. Councilman Esplin stated that he thought that we had already spoken with Jo Bolen about this matter. Further discussion followed. It was determined that we should contact other municipalities and cities regarding the different auditors. **Councilman Esplin moved to table the discussion until the next council meeting at such time that a full council will be in attendance. Councilman Cline seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

A packet was presented to the council regarding an upcoming hearing at the county with Sandra Miesbach for a manufacturing business and recreational vehicle park within the impact area of the city of New Plymouth. No formal action was taken.

*New Business:*

Mennonite Sewer Extension information – Information was presented by Public Works regarding the cost of extending sewer service to the annexation which was requested by the

Mennonite School/Church. Discussion included when that service could be rendered. Discussion led to certain properties which have not been annexed and which may actually create a hardship for the city regarding public works services. These enclaves can be costly for the city to move around when placing city water and sewer lines.

Seth Austin request for funding for Eagle Project – Seth stated that he was trying to place 20 trees along the back fence of the grade school. He has spoken with the New Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. The council stated that individually they may contribute toward the project. Councilman York, Cline and Esplin, Mayor Cook and EZ Mart would contribute one tree. Andy Gerhke stated that he would purchase a tree for the project. It was stated that the City would purchase four trees for the project in the amount of \$160.00. Payette County Recreation District, Zions Bank, Phillips Auto all have been contacted as well as other individuals.

Open surplus bids and Award – Beau Ziemer, Public Works Director presented information on the bids, 19 in all. The top bidders were listed with the second in line listed. Councilman Esplin moved to accept the bids which were opened on 11-2009 and give Beau permission to notify the winners with instructions for pickup. The motion was seconded by Councilman York. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. The council was complimentary to Public Works for removing the property from city ownership.

#### Ordinances & Resolutions

None

#### Open Forum

Ann Esplin read a presentation to the council on the eve of city elections.

#### Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman York stated that all should get out and vote. Councilman Esplin stated the same and wished luck to Councilman York. Signs were discussed regarding voting. A special meeting was scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of November for the council to canvass the votes at 6:00 pm.

#### Adjournment

**Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cline. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

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Joe Cook, Mayor

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Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk/Treasurer