

New Plymouth City Council
6 April 2009
7:30 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, 6 April 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Cook, Councilmen Cline, Esplin and Councilwoman Mayer were present.

Guests included Bill Ramsey, Nate Ramsey, Andy Gerhke and Beau Ziemer, Jim Jensen, Alan Daniels, Jim Smith, Chet Millsap and Tom Hemmingway.

The agenda was presented to the Council. Councilman Esplin asked to add the Mennonite Schools to the agenda as old business, item “d”. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

The consent agenda was presented to the Council. The consent agenda included the March Library Report, Public Works report, Feb 23 Planning and zoning Public Hearing and Regular minutes, Delinquency lists as of Feb 25th and approval of bills. **Councilman Esplin made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion, which met with full approval.**

Old Business:

- a. Ralph Mowder presented information from the judge which he claimed shows that the council has the authority to determine that his situation with the motor home parking on his property is of no consequence and that the city has the power to release him from responsibility. The council determined that the legal authority having jurisdiction should write a letter to the council as to the direction the council could take in this matter.
- b. Kenneth & Alesa Mowder complaint is outside city limits and is to be handled by the County Sheriff department.
- c. City Liability regarding projects – sufficient insurance is in place for protection to the city.
- d. Chet Millsap, representing the Mennonite school presented information that they would like to move forward with annexation and he was directed to come the city and obtain an application for annexation.

New Business:

- a. The Snake River Economic Development Business, SREDA is seeking interest and financial support for growing economic interest in the surrounding communities as well as New Plymouth. They are hoping for a letter of support in the future.
- b. Darla Garfield business – The council discussed the need for a letter to be sent to her inviting her to speak with the city about an alleged business which she operates within city limits. Businesses are to have business licenses in the city as well as conditional use permits in some instances. **Councilman Cline moved that the city write her a letter and invite her to speak with us about her business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin and the voting was unanimous.**
- c. Census 2010 letter of support signed

- d. Fair Housing Proclamation signed
- e. Payette Soil and Water Conservation District Donation of \$500.00 was approved for fiscal year 2010-2011
- f. Bodiford Construction – Payment Application # 3, **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the payment, seconded by Mayer and the voting was unanimous in favor**
- g. Bodiford Construction – Change Order # 2, **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the payment, seconded by Mayer and the voting was unanimous in favor**
- h. Bitterroot Construction – Payment Application # 7, **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the payment, seconded by Mayer and the voting was unanimous in favor**
- i. Letter from Mayor Cook appointing new Planning and Zoning Commissioner was not discussed and will be reviewed at the next council meeting on 20 April 2009
- j. Report by Beau Ziemer about Dax Pearson being declared as Waste Water Operator of the Year
- k. Report by Beau Ziemer about New Plymouth being declared as the Waste Water System of the Year

Ordinances & Resolutions:

None.

Open Forum

None

Mayor and Council Comments:

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming QRU Auction and the Easter Egg Hunt, as well as the Idaho Power Open House regarding their proposed energy plant south of town.

Adjournment: **Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn, seconded by Mayer, voting was unanimous in favor.**

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, Clerk / Treasurer