

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
19th May 2014
7:35 pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 19th of May, 2014, the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 7:35 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Warnke, York, Mayer and Kurth in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Beau Ziemer and Gina Christensen.

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

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

Old Business

None

New Business

Damion Jordan Re-plat Decision – Councilmen Kurth and York discussed property access issues with Mr. Jordan and Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer and confirmed that access would still be available for irrigation and public services, as well as a separate driveway for the second lot. After continued brief discussion, **Councilman Mayer moved to approve the re-plat request for the property located at 200 E Blvd. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion. Councilman Mayer moved to approve the development agreement for above stated property. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Firkins Development Preliminary Plat Subdivision Decision – Councilman York discussed irrigation availability and access for the proposed subdivision as well as the adjoining properties, specifically the property owned by Doug & Kerry White, with Adam Lyman, project engineer for the subdivision. Mr. Lyman agreed to move or provide some other means to allow access to the irrigation pipe/drain line in question for the Whites and include it in the development agreement. Mr. Lyman and Mitch Painton, manager, also confirmed that an irrigation well within the subdivision was included in the development agreement. Council also discussed past mistakes with previous subdivision development agreements and asserted their commitment to not repeat them. Councilman Kurth stated her concerns about traffic congestion around the schools near the proposed subdivision, as well as overcrowding in the schools due to increased population. Councilman Mayer responded that an increased tax base would be created with the population increase, thus providing more revenue for the schools to hire more staff and provide more classrooms. Councilmen Kurth, Mayer and Warnke discussed the pros and cons of population growth for the entire community, specifically citing the benefit of planned development that follows the city master plan. Some discussion followed regarding the safety of building houses next to farmland, along with continued opinions given regarding school overcrowding.

Councilman Warnke moved to approve the preliminary plat request for the proposed subdivision. Councilman Mayer seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote with Councilman Kurth opposing.

Councilman Warnke moved to accept the variance request recommended by the Planning & Zoning Committee. Councilman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor

of the motion.

Dave White for Planning & Zoning – Mayor Cook recommended appointing Dave White to the Planning & Zoning Committee. **Councilman York moved to appoint Dave White to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Councilman Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Feb/March Financial Report – Deputy Clerk Gina Christensen provided the council with financial reports for February and March 2014, showing that the city was right on budget for the year.

Grants & 501(c)(3) – Deputy Clerk Gina Christensen reported on a recent grant writing workshop she had attended in Boise. She stated that she had learned what goes into writing effective grants and, most importantly, where to find grants that would be beneficial for the city and residents. Deputy Clerk Christensen then stated that she would be working on tracking down those grants while also working on building a credibility file for the city to be used when applying for them.

Budget Workshop Dates – June 16th & July 7th @ 6:30 pm – **Councilman Mayer moved to approve setting June 16th & July 7th, 2014 at 6:30 pm as budget hearing dates. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman York invited all in attendance to take an information sheet about the fire district levy that would be on the ballot tomorrow. He stressed the importance of the levy passing to make way for the city to be annexed into the fire district. Councilmen Mayer, Kurth and Warnke also expressed their support of the levy. Mayor Cook urged everyone to vote for the various candidates on the ballot.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:31 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk