

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
06 APRIL 2015
7:00 pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 6th of April, 2015, the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Warnke, York and Kurth in attendance. Councilman Mayer was absent from the meeting.

Staff members in attendance were Danielle Painter, Beau Ziemer and Andy Gerhke.

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

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

Old Business

None

New Business

Rita Whipple – Property Issues – No representative in attendance.

Councilman Warnke moved to table this item until the end of the meeting for lack of a representative. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Councilman York moved to officially table this item for lack of a representative. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Consortium Agreement – Mapping – City Clerk Painter informed the council of a change in the mapping service used by the county, cities and other county entities. She stated that the county had purchased a new program to use in-house and had not renewed their long-standing contract with TCI Mapping Services. City Clerk Painter then stated that the new program from the county was a much different format that did not allow for manipulation of the maps for use by Planning & Zoning and other purposes. With consent from the county, it was agreed that a consortium would be formed by City of New Plymouth, City of Fruitland, Highway District #1 and Payette County Title & Escrow to independently contract with TCI to use the data collected by the county and convert it into a usable format for those entities. She stated that the cost would increase from approximately \$500 per quarter to purchase mapping updates from the county to approximately \$1000 per quarter to pay TCI to now convert those updates. Public Works Superintendent Ziemer added that, although the county program would now provide mapping updates at no cost, the city would have to purchase \$5000 licenses to use the system on each of our computers and, as stated, the data would not be as useable. Councilman York commented that he was completely in favor of joining the consortium and contracting for one year to determine the viability of the information. Councilman Warnke asked which entities had chosen to continue with the county and Councilman York and City Clerk Painter responded that it had been several, but didn't have the exact number or names. Councilman York also stated that he felt many of those entities would choose to join the consortium after using the new county system for a while and he believed that the data TCI would provide was a necessity.

Councilman York moved to approve the consortium agreement for mapping services. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mt. West Conference – City Clerk Painter reported on the Mountain West Municipal Clerks & Treasurers Institute recently held in Boise and attended by herself and Deputy City Clerk Christensen. She stated

that she felt this year's conference was more helpful and informative than previous years due to the quality of the classes offered. She specifically mentioned a Clerk's 101 class that utilized four presenters from Idaho cities with a wide variety of populations. City Clerk Painter then mentioned that she had come back from the conference having learned many new things and ways to improve on things the city was already doing. She stated that she had also attended a Legislative Update session and was watching for updates on House Bill 542 regarding public defenders and the attempt to shift some of the cost of those defenders to cities when they are trying city code enforcement cases. She mentioned that other cities had pre-emptively changed many of their code violation offenses from misdemeanors to infractions that wouldn't result in a criminal case, thus removing the cost to defend offenders. Public Works Superintendent Ziemer added that it was a valid concern, especially in the case of murder or other serious felonies. It was agreed that any changes that could be made to minimize the risk for the city would be welcome.

Ordinances and Resolutions

None

Public Comments

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Warnke commented that he noticed that the gutters through town had been washed out by the city crew and he appreciated that. Public Works Superintendent Ziemer replied that some of his equipment was inoperable and asked for patience as repairs were being done.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk