

New Plymouth City Council Work Shop
16 March 2009
6:45pm
New Plymouth City Hall

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Joe Cook at 6:45pm. Those in attendance were Mayor Joe Cook, Councilman York, Councilman Esplin and Councilwoman Mayer and City Clerk Leon K. Jensen.

Others in attendance were Dale Williamson and a guest named Bob. Beau Ziemer came in later as well as Councilman Cline

The work shop was held to receive information from the irrigation company regarding the costs and maintenance of the system. The system should pay for itself. There should be cost savings and with the improvements it could be a pressurized system in the city. There are potential grants available to the city if the irrigation company was controlled by the city or owned by the city. Benefits to the city include grants, savings to the city, (40-46% efficiency), all water will be paid for, and others. Parks should be irrigated by the system rather than extra wear and tear on the city drinking water system.

Down falls to the proposal, who will be the ditch rider, someone to oversee, an ordinance and then a budget line item for the system. York would like to see the city take over the system. He would also like to see the city be responsible for the system for many years to come into the future.

General discussion followed. Transfer of the system and cost of transfer versus assuming control of the system at no cost to the city was discussed. Clerk costs were addressed. Mayor Cook expressed the desire to have a legal opinion on the matter. Councilman Esplin expressed a desire to acquire the system, at no cost with no guarantee that the city would be encumbered for years to come. At the end of the discussion it was determined that more information should be gathered with possible discussions in the future.

At 7:30 p.m., Councilman Esplin moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Mayer seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen. Clerk/Treasurer