

New Plymouth City Council
4 May 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, 4 May 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Cook, Councilmen Cline, Esplin, and Councilwoman Mayer were present.

Guests included Lyla Scheihing, Shelly Wilson, Anne Esplin, Sheila Cornett and Rod Tegethoff, Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering. Staff members present were Beau Zeimer, Public Works Director, Beth Ann Christensen, Deputy City Clerk and Leon K. Jensen, City Clerk.

Councilwoman Mayer suggested adding to the old business agenda Budget workshop dates, Mayor Cook suggested adding to the new business Sheila Cornett business item she would like to discuss, as item i. on the agenda. **Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Councilman Cline, seconded by Councilman Esplin, voting was unanimous in favor.**

Councilman Esplin moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Cline. No vote was taken on the first motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Cook wanted to discuss a couple of items, the police report was not turned in to us but staff left it on the agenda incase it was forth coming. Mention was made that the minutes did not reflect Mr. Mowder's working on his recreational vehicle was to be during daylight hours only. It was requested that the minutes reflect that information. **Councilman Esplin moved to approve the amended consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. The voting was unanimous in favor.**

Councilman Esplin moved to set the budget workshop date to June 9th at 7pm, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer. Voting was unanimous in favor.

New Business:

- Lyla Schiehing and Shelly Wilson presented information that they wanted cross walks put back on the roads. They want four cross walks put in, one by the school, one by DJ's at the Bank and one at city hall. Discussion was held regarding why signs were taken down and that the sings will not be put in until the projects are completed due to the involvement of ITD in the project and their strict requirements for signs etc. Painting of the crosswalks will also be done following the end of the project. Beau Ziemer stated that he would call the Payette County Sheriffs office and alert them that we were concerned because auto traffic was not stopping for people who are crossing the roadway.

- Andy Gehrke of Holladay Engineering presented his Engineering Status report. LHTAC recommendation for funding approval was discussed.
- Sewer project for Change Order # 4, Bitterroot Construction – Holladay Engineering - **Motion to approve by Councilman Esplin and seconded by Councilwoman Mayer with voting unanimous in favor.**
- Sewer project for Change Order # 8, Bitterroot Construction – **Motion to approve by Councilman Esplin and seconded by Councilwoman Mayer with voting unanimous in favor.**
- Water Project, Contractors application for payment application # 4 for Bodiford – **Motion was made to approve by Councilman Cline and seconded by Councilwoman Mayer with voting unanimous in favor.**
- Amy Gibbons resignation from the Library Board – Motion to accept letter of resignation by Councilman Esplin, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer with voting unanimous in favor.
- Swearing in of City Clerk moved down on the schedule
- Appointment of Secretary for the Planning and Zoning Commission. **A motion was made by Councilwoman Mayer to appoint the City Clerk as Secretary for the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cline and the voting was unanimous in favor.**
- Discussion with Sheila Cornett regarding her sewer line which is plugged due to breakage in the line and roots are growing through the break. It was determined that the property owner is responsible for the line to the point where the sewer line hooks to the city main, including the saddle. A right of way permit is required from the city for the property owner to work within the right of way. The city is responsible for the main only. The council determined that Ms. Cornett should repair the line and if damage to the city main is revealed during the repair of the sewer line for Ms. Cornett she was encouraged to contact the city to discuss the matter further.
- It was determined that the swearing in the City Clerk would be postponed until further notice.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Identity Theft Prevention Program information was present for the Council consideration. There is no requirement to do this but it is presented for the cities protection. It was determined that we should do what we can to protect ourselves. **Councilman Esplin moved to have the City Clerk move forward with the identity theft program, seconded by Councilwoman Mayer, voting was unanimous in favor.**

Open Forum

Rod Tegethoff discussed storm drain needs from the Nazarene church into a drain to the alley all the way to Elm Street. No decision was made by the council at this time.

Mr. Tegethoff also discussed the requirement for payment for city garbage service when he can haul his refuse to the county dump for no charge. It was determined that the church is a commercial structure and as such he can elect to be removed from city services for garbage pick up.

Mayor and Council Comments:

Councilwoman Mayer reported that on May 11th at 7pm at the multipurpose room at the high school there will be an open house on the downtown beautification of New Plymouth, but not just the down area, but from what is called Brogans corner all the way to Ada road. A three phased project is planned. The public works director is invited to attend as well. A State highway official, Monty Hinson, will be invited as well. Discussion was held regarding pressure washing and painting. An effort is being made to keep it low maintenance and looking nice as possible.

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

Joe Cook, Mayor

Leon K. Jensen, Clerk / Treasurer