

NEW PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY
April 21, 2025
6:00 PM
New Plymouth City Council Chambers
215 N Plymouth Avenue

1. Council President Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Huges, Councilmember Evans, Councilmember Martinez, and Mayor Grace were in attendance.

Staff in attendance: City Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Attorney Jill Holinka, and City Engineer Andy Gehrke

3. April 7, 2025, City Council Minutes- **(Action Item)**
Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve April 7th, 2025, City Council Minutes. Second by Councilmember Hughes. All In Favor. Motion Carried

4. Claim Approval- **(Action Item)**
Councilmember Evans motioned to approve the claim list for accounting period 4/2025 in total of \$61,676.01. Second by Councilmember Davis. All In Favor. Motion Carried

Public Hearing:

The addition of commercial overages fee for the Hardin Sanitation rate schedule. A fee of \$8.31 per cubic yard for commercial overages. The proposed fee is necessary to cover the effort, risk and time spent by employees cleaning up overages with dumpsters utilized by commercial customers, as well as the cost of the additional trips to the landfill. - **(Action Item)**

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Hardin Commercial Overages Rate Schedule. Second by Councilmember Davis. All in Favor. Motion carried. Public Hearing Open 6:07 pm.

Travis on behalf of Hardin to request a line item in the Hardin rate schedule. This won't affect any residential customers, just commercial accounts. This will cover the overages in the commercial dumpsters. It takes time to clean up, and there is a risk for safety when the dumpsters are overloaded.

Public Comments: NONE

Councilmember Hughes made a motion to close the Public Hearing Hardin Commercial Overages Rate Schedule. Second by Councilmember Evans. All in favor. Motion carried. Public Hearing Closed 6:12 pm.

5. Communications:

- a. Payette County- Andy Creech- City Clerk read letter provided to the city by Sheriff Andy Creech regarding the possibility of placing a bond for the construction of a new County Jail.

6. New Business

- a. Resolution 2025-03- A Resolution of The New Plymouth City Council by Adding a Commercial Overage Fee for Hardin Sanitation - **(Action Item)**
Councilmember Martinez made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-03 adding the word “to” and allow the mayor to sign. Second by Councilmember Evans. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Set Date for Public Hearing for Budget – August 18th, 2025- **(Action Item)** Alison
Councilmember Hughes made a motion to set the date for the Public Hearing- Budget August 18th, 2025. Second by Councilmember Martinez. All In Favor. Motion carried.
- c. Set Dates for Spring Clean-up- April 22nd - May 27th - **(Action Item)**
Councilmember Martinez made a motion to approve the Spring Clean-up dates for April 22nd – May 27th. Second by Councilmember Davis. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Special Events Permit- Kiwanis “Relax After Six”- June 14th, 2025, 6-9 pm.
Special Events Permit- 4-H Club 2nd Annual High Desert Herdsmen Fundraiser- June 1st, 2025, 1-4 pm. Porter Tate they’ll be a live music and food. The money raised told the council that the money raised helps to buy T-shirts and candy for the parade and other items. - **(Action Item)**
Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve both Special Events Permits. Second by Councilmember Hughes. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Department Reports

- a. Library Report: Librarian Melaine Cope said the Stem Grant will be utilized with the summer reading program.
- b. Payette County Sheriff Report: Would like to see more time/officers in NP. Pull the reports to see the actual time spent here monthly. Pull the contract to see how much time they are required to spend in NP.
- c. Engineering Status Report: Tank 9 will start May 1st. Pond 4 seepage testing is still ongoing. LTACH awarded \$100,000.00 grant for E Idaho St. New Plymouth came in 15th out of 52 plus applicants.
- d. Quarterly Treasurer Report: Discussion

8. Citizen Comments

None

9. Council Comments

Councilman Martinez brought up the often spoke about moratorium on building. Unless the city has a very good legal reason you don’t implement a moratorium. These aren’t entered into lightly. The city isn’t in a position to need one right now. Beau mentioned that cities that don’t create commercial growth die out. You need commercial growth to stay current. Revenue for the city comes from commercial businesses. We may need to think outside the

box about areas for new commercial. Councilmember Davis said that the New Plymouth High School Ag shop will host an open house on April 30th from 5-7, the public is invited. High school green house is open this Sat.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Martinez, Second by Councilmember Evans.

All In Favor- Motion Carried

Approve:

Attest:

Lisa Grace, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk