

NEW PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2025 – 6:00 PM
New Plymouth City Council Chambers
215 N Plymouth Avenue

1. Councilmember Ron Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:03PM

Roll Call:

Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Hughes, Councilmember Evans, and Councilmember Martinez were all present. Mayor Lisa Grace – Absent. Also present were City Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer, & City Engineer Andy Gehrke.

2. **Pledge of allegiance**

3. **Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2025 (Action Item)**

- **Motion:** Councilmember Davis to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025.
- **Second:** Councilmember Evans approved.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.

4. **Approval of Payables (Action Item)**

- **Motion:** Councilmember Evans to approve the payables for April 7, 2025.
- **Second:** Councilmember Hughs approved.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.

5. **Correspondence Discussion:**

- **Payette County Commissioners- Areas of Impact-** City Clerk Marianne Gatchell will contact Lindsey Bratcher at the county to see what is needed from the city.
- **Elizabeth Allen- Comp Plan Update-** Letter from Elizabeth Allen was read by Council President Martinez giving an update on the Comp Plan. 65 surveys have been received, and she will be closing the survey. Moving on to the next steps.

5. **Citizen Comments**

The comments were made regarding impact fees, fire safety, water resources, and the need for a moratorium on growth. Concerns with fireworks in town. Citizen thanked the city for filling the potholes on Idaho St.

6. **Mayor & Council Comments**

The council mentioned the same concerns with the fireworks. The need for more sheriffs patrolling the city was also brought up.

7. Open Public Hearing for River Brook Custom Homes Preliminary Plat Subdivision Application (Action Item)

River Brook Custom Homes have submitted an application for a Preliminary Plat Subdivision for a portion of Lots 12 and 13, Block 12 of the Original Townsite of New Plymouth, Idaho as shown on the Official Plat thereof on file in Book 1 of Plats at Page 38A in the office of the Recorder for Payette County, Idaho, lying in the SE ¼ of Section 4, Township 7 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Payette County, Idaho.

- **Motion:** Councilmember Davis to open the public hearing at 6:31 PM
- **Second:** Councilmember Hughes approved.
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval.
- **Public Hearing Open**

Applicant Comments

Presenter: Brent Orton from Orton Engineering LLC (17338 Sunnydale Place, Caldwell, Id 83607) - Developer of the project.

Purpose: Brent Orton presented a slideshow of the proposed project for the council and the public. Explaining the details of the 5-lot subdivision. Each lot will be bigger than the 4000 minimum lot size which is required in Res C.

Public Comments

- **In Favor - one**
- **Neutral - one**
- **Against – two**

Damion Jordan at 5517 Valley St. Boise (**for**) is from this town and loves New Plymouth. He coached here for years. He purchased this property with the plans to develop it one day. He believes that this will be an improvement for the city.

John Bilyeu at 200 E Blvd (**neutral**) He is concerned about what will happen with the landscaping he has worked so hard for over the past years.

Mike Ware at 403 Walnut (**against**) Has concerns with fires spreading on such close structures with the lots being close together.

Virginia Barton at 205 W. Canal St. (**against**) Concerns with only doing the minimum standards of home sizes. Also, if the lots are sold there is no control with what can be built there.

Applicant Response

Brent Orton addressed the concerns brought up by the public. The lot sizes meet the city code standards for Res C. The fire chief has approved the fire turnaround that has been planned, which will give the access needed for fire protection. These lots will have adequate room for yard space and a good-sized family home.

- **Motion:** Councilmember Davis to close public hearing at 7:46 P.M.
- **Seconded:** Councilmember Hughes approved.
- **Vote:** Motion carried
- **Public Hearing closed.**

8. New Business –

a. Preliminary Plat Subdivision for River Brook Custom Homes- (Action Item)

- **Motion:** Councilmember Davis to approve the Preliminary Plat Subdivision for River Brook Custom Homes, with the notation that we are doing everything by city code.
- **Seconded:** Councilmember Evans approved.
- **Vote:** 4 in favor (Martinez, Evans, Hughes, Davis) Motion carried.

b. Don Littlefield representing Sunny’s Car Rally for approval of the 2025 date for the Car Show on October 4, 2025-Special Events Permit - (Action Item)

- **Discussion:** Don explained the idea of the car show. Two scholarships of \$2500.00 will be awarded to New Plymouth high school students. This is the 9th year of the show and every year it continues to grow. NP students make most of the trophies given at the show.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Evans to approve Special Events Permit Sunny’s Car rally.
- **Seconded:** Councilmember Davis approved.
- **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

c. Tank 9 Recoating Project-Construction Agreement and Notice to Proceed- (Action Item)

- **Discussion:** City Engineer Andy Gehrke recommends approval of the construction agreement and notice to proceed. The project has an April 29th, 2025, start date, with 75 days to complete. Completion date July 13th, 2025.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Davis to approve the Tank 9 Recoating Project Construction Agreement and Notice to Proceed and allow the mayor to sign.
- **Seconded:** Councilmember Hughes approved.
- **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

d. Executive Session- Canceled.

9. Department Reports- n/a

5. Meeting Adjourned: 7:57PM

- **Motion:** Councilmember Evans motioned to adjourn.
- **Seconded:** Councilmember Davis approves.

- **Vote:** All Aye. Motion Carried.

Approve:

Attest:

Lisa Grace, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk