

City of New Plymouth Council Meeting

October 6, 2025

The New Plymouth City Council held a regular meeting at 215 N Plymouth Ave, New Plymouth, Idaho.

Mayor Ron Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Mayor led the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Present: Councilor Josh Davis, Councilor Michael Hughes, Councilor Suzanne Evans, Councilor Wayde James

Council by Zoom: None

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Marianne Gatchell- City Clerk, Stephanie Johnson – Treasurer, Melanie Cope – Librarian, Andy Gehrke – City Engineer

Staff Absent: Beau Ziemer – Superintendent of Public Works

Public Present: Toni Blacketter, Suzanna Culpepper, Dale Williamson, Bruce & Virginia Barton, Penny Kovick, Jane _____, Tyson Flannery, Chief Wyatt, _____ and _____

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: None

Declaration of Council Members' Discussion Outside an Open Meeting: None

Approval of Minutes – Councilor Davis **MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2025.** Seconded by Councilor Hughes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Approval of Payables – Councilor Evans **MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYABLES OF \$221,100.86.** Seconded by Councilor Davis. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

COUNCIL: Councilor Evans discussed in regards to the community is to talk kinder to your neighbors and also that she wants to encourage all staff and council to really get working on Ordinances so that the next council will have a smoother beginning.

Councilor James stated that he had done some research into Planning and Zoning obligations and setting up a committee to discuss Impact Fees. Mayor Martinez discussed the difficulty of Impact Fees and the initial start up costs. Further discussion ensued regarding ag lands inside of the Area of Impact that could be involved if they were to subdivide and whether the cost of doing an Impact Fee Study would be worth getting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Payette County Jail Bond for November 2025 – Sheriff Andy Creech presented to Council the issues that Payette County jail is having and the need for a new bond. Questions were asked by Mayor and Council.

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City Clerk Gatchell requested approval of Resolution #2025-7 Councilor Evans **MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2025-7 WITH THE MAYOR TO SIGN**. Seconded by Councilor James. ROLL CALL VOTE. Councilor Davis – AYE, Councilor Hughes – AYE, Councilor Evans – AYE, Councilor James – AYE. **AYES – 4, NAYES - 0. Motion carried.**

City Clerk Gatchell requested approval of the dates for Fall Clean up Councilor Hughes **MOVED TO APPROVE THE DATES OF OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 16 FOR FALL CLEAN UP**. Seconded by Councilor Evans. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Mayor Martinez requested nominations for Council President. Councilor Hughes **NOMINATED COUNCILOR EVANS**. Councilor Davis seconded the nomination. Councilor Evans accepted the nomination. **Motion carried by voice vote**

Planning & Zoning Administrator Gatchell requested approval of the recommendation to Payette County Planning & Zoning for Impact Area Map, including New Plymouth P&Z recommendation. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE IMPACT AREA MAP AND SEND TO PAYETTE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING**. Seconded by Councilor James. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

City Clerk Gatchell requested approval of the amended contract with Upload Student Lease. **Councilor Davis MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED CONTRACT WITH UPLOAD STUDENT LEASE WITH THE MAYOR TO SIGN**. Seconded by Councilor Hughes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Mayor Martinez requested approval to place the Waterwheel on the Boulevard. Council-President Evans **MOVED TO APPROVE THE LOCATION OF THE WATERWHEEL**. Seconded by Councilor Hughes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Mayor Martinez requested approval to set up a fund to accept donations for the Waterwheel Fund. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO APPROVE THE SET UP OF A FUND TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE WATERWHEEL FUND**. Seconded by Councilor Hughes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Andy Gehrke, City Engineer requested approval of the Progress Report #7 Horseshoe Park Phase #3. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROGRESS REPORT #7 HORSESHOE PARK PHASE #3**. Seconded by Councilor James. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DEPARTMENT/ ACTIVITY REPORTS

- A. Payette County Sheriff** – In packet
- B. Clerk** – Marianne Gatchell – No report
- C. Library** – Melanie Cope, Director– No Report
- D. Treasurer** – Stephanie Johnson – No Report
- F. Public Works** – Beau Ziemer – No Report
- G. Engineer** – Andy Gehrke – Gave report

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Councilor Davis **MOVED TO ADJOURN**. Seconded by Council-President Evans. **Motion Carried**.

Meeting Adjourned 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Ron Martinez

Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk