

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
December 18, 2023
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 18th of December 2023, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 5:59 P.M. by Mayor Rick York.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Melanie Cope.

Roll call was taken with council members Heather Airoidi, Cora Kurth, Bill Warnke, Eileen Balcer, and Mayor Rick York present.

Staff members in attendance were Deputy Clerk Marianne Gatchell, City Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke, and City Attorney Dan Chadwick. City Clerk Danielle Painter was absent.

December 4, 2023, City Council Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the minutes from December 4, 2023. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- Action Item

Councilwoman Airoidi made a motion to approve the claim approvals totalling \$56,639.06. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business-

- a. Ground Water Agreement- Harvest Creek Subdivision Homeowners Association Inc- (Action Item)
Discussion with City Engineer Andy Gehrke and the council. The council would like the city to reach out to the Drainage District No. 8 for documentation that they have approved the plan for Phase 1.
Councilman Warnke made a motion to table this item until the information requested is available. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. City Clerk Letter of Resignation- (Action Item)
Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to accept the City Clerk Letter of Resignation with the Effective Date of End of Business December 31, 2023. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Executive Session-Title 74, Chapter 2 (a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general. - (Action Item)
Councilman Warnke made a motion to go into Executive Session Title 74, Chapter 2 (a) at 6:05 p.m. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried. Councilman Warnke made a motion to come out of Executive Session Title 74, Chapter 2 (a) at 6:21 p.m. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.
- d. Considering Hiring of New City Clerk/Treasurer and Appointment- (Action Item)
Mayor York made a recommendation to hire Marianne Gatchell as City Clerk/Treasurer at \$30.00

an hour and Suzanna Culpepper as Deputy Clerk at \$22.00 an hour. Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to accept and the recommendation to hire Marianne Gatchell as City Clerk/Treasurer at \$30.00 an hour and Suzanne Culpepper as Deputy Clerk at \$22.00 an hour. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, no. Councilman Warnke, yes. 3 yeses. 1 no. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. Library Report November- Councilwoman Balcer congratulated Librarian Melanie Cope on being the Treasurer of the Library Consortium. She also said congrats on the grant that was awarded. Melanie said they have some great things planned for the grant money that has been awarded. It will be very beneficial for the library. Councilwoman Balcer asked about how they receive donations for the library. Melanie said that most items are just dropped off.
- b. Payette County Sheriff Report November- No Discussion
- c. Public Works Report November- No Discussion

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilman Warnke said Merry Christmas. He said that it has been a pleasure to serve on the council these past 12 years. He is looking forward to seeing what the new administration will do. Councilwoman Balcer said Merry Christmas as well. She thanked the Mayor York and the Council and said it has been a pleasure serving with them. Councilwoman Airoidi said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mayor York said thank you to all that have come out to the meetings. He has appreciated his 30 years working with the city, 26 on council and 4 as mayor. He wished each of the new councilmembers and new Mayor luck on their new positions. He would love to see the pathway finished, that would be awesome.

Adjournment

Councilman Warnke moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, Deputy Clerk