

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
TUESDAY
January 2, 2024
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 2nd of January 2024, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Mayor Rick York.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Suzanna Culpepper.

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

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

December 18, 2023, City Council Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the minutes from December 18, 2023. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- Action Item

Councilwoman Kurth made a motion to approve the claim approvals totalling \$25,507.88. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to amend the agenda to add City Clerk/Treasurer Marianne Gatchell to be sworn in. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick York swears City Clerk/Treasurer Marianne Gatchell in.

Old Business-

a. Farm Lease-Greg Lingel- (Action Item)

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the Farm Lease-Greg Lingel with the modification of paragraph #13 changing the date to October 1, 2023. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business-

a. Presentation of Appreciation Plaques to Current Mayor and Council- City Clerk Marianne Gatchell presents the appreciation plaques for years of service to Mayor Rick York, Councilman Warnke, and Councilwoman Kurth. Councilwoman Airoidi and previous City Clerk/Treasurer Danielle Painter were absent and will be given their plaques in person later.

b. Swearing in of New Mayor Lisa Binggeli- City Clerk Marianne Gatchell swears in New Mayor Lisa Binggeli.

c. Swearing in of New Councilmembers- Josh Davis, Suzanne Evans, and Dana Zeimer. City Clerk Marianne Gatchell swears in New Councilmembers Josh Davis, Suzanne Evans, and Dana Ziemer. - (Action Item)

d. Approval of Council President- (Action Item) Mayor Lisa Binggeli recommends Councilwoman Eileen Balcer for council president.

Councilwoman Ziemer made a motion to approve Councilwoman Eileen Balcer as council president. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilman Davis, yes. Councilwoman Evans, yes. Councilwoman Zeimer, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

- e. Approval of Mayor, Council President, and City Clerk as signers on City Banking Account- (Action Item)
Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the Mayor, Council President, and City Clerk as signers on the city banking account. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- f. Approval of 2024 City Council Meetings Dates- (Action Item)
Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to accept the 2024 City Council Meeting Dates. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- g. Approval of 2024 Liquor Licenses- (Action Item) Mayor York asked if all the applicants had paid in full. City Clerk Marianne Gatchell said yes everyone has paid and the paperwork is in order.
Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the 2024 Liquor Licenses. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- h. Library Signage & Library Liaison- Melanie Cope- Information Only- Librarian Melanie Cope introduced herself to the new council and mayor. Melanie said that they will be doing a 6-month trial of new hours on Fridays from 10-1, which will be paid for from a grant they received. If this is something that is beneficial for the community, they will look into budgeting the additional hours into next years budget. They are also looking into a new sign for the library. She discussed the responsibilities of the library liaison. The library board has 10 meetings a year, they do not meet in July or December. The liaison is responsible for attending the board meetings but does not have voting rights. Melaine would love to see each council member take a turn being the liaison.
- i. Appoint Library Liaison- (Action Item)
Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to Appoint Councilman Josh Davis as the Library Liaison. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilwoman Balcer welcomed everyone to their new positions and hoped they are successful in their time. Mayor Binggeli said she is grateful to have Councilwoman Balcer serving with them.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Balcer moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Lisa Binggeli, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk