

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
Monday
June 2, 2025
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 2nd of June 2025, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with councilmembers Davis, Evans, Martinez, Hughes, and Mayor Grace present.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke, and Armoral Tuttle Library Director Melanie Cope.

May 19, 2025 City Council Minutes- **(Action Item)**

Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2025. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

May 22, 2025 City Council Minutes- **(Action Item)**

Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from May 22, 2025. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- **(Action Item)**

Councilmember Evans made a motion to approve the claim approvals for June 2, 2025. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried

Citizen Comments- No Comments

Mayor & Council Comments:

Andy Gehrke - Pond 4 updates: The substantial completion date was May 15th. The project is currently 19 days past the deadline, incurring \$800 per day in liquidated damages, totaling approximately \$15,200. City still owes approximately \$59,000 to the contractor. The contractor has had staffing changes, and schedule updates are being requested. The City will have to decide on any waivers for liquidated damages after the project is completed.

Kiwanis Park Sidewalks- new sidewalks are in up to the bathrooms. Additional sidewalks are planned around the playgrounds. All improvements have been well received.

Mayor Grace- the negative complaints online from community members need to stop! The new council and staff are all being transparent as we transition through these difficult, cumbersome times of rebuilding our city's finances. Big emphasis was placed on the desire for a positive, supportive work environment for the remaining staff.

New Business-

- a. Mayor Grace nominated Stephanie Johnson for the New Plymouth City Treasurer position.
Councilmember Evans made a motion to appoint Stephanie Johnson as the New Plymouth City Treasurer. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.
- b. Stephanie Johnson was sworn in as the new City Treasurer.

- c. Special Event Permit- FBC Kingdom Run was approved
Councilmember Martinez made a motion to approve the permit with the addendum that FBC will need to provide Liability Insurance for the race. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.
- d. Special Event Permit- Special Olympic Unified Sports was approved
Councilmember Martinez made a motion to approve the Special Olympic Sports. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.
- e. YMCA Donation Pledge for Feasibility Study
Councilmember Martinez recognized and gave kudos to community member Ginny Barton for her fundraising efforts that totaled \$4995. In the last minutes of that very afternoon, the final \$5 was donated by one of Councilmember Martinez's neighbors. Information was shared that Doug Moscrip Foundation has donated the land and \$10,000,000 for the City of Fruitland project. There was growing excitement about a local YMCA facility in this area. No Action item needed.
- f. New Plymouth City Budget workshop schedule for June 16, 2025
Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the meeting date on June 16, 2025. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Lisa Grace, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk