

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
MONDAY  
March 18, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Mayor Lisa Binggeli.

The pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with council members Dana Zeimer, Josh Davis, Suzanne Evans, and Mayor Lisa Binggeli present. Councilwoman Eileen Balcer was absent.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Deputy Clerk Suzanna Culpepper, City Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke. City Attorney Dan Chadwick was present via Zoom.

March 4, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes- Action Item

**Councilwoman Ziemer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claim Approvals- Action Item

**Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the claim approvals for \$87,063.07. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Councilman Davis made a motion to amend the agenda to include Pond 4 Lining Change Order #1. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. Motion Carried. This is a required action of the council due to a time sensitive Change Order.**

Message from the Mayor

We have started grading the dirt roads in town. This next week we will start dust penetration.

Citizen Comments

Debbie Mills-Smith 108 SW Blvd brought up irrigation as the season is just about to begin. She mentioned that every year she deals with her water shares being stolen by other users. She has one share and is frustrated because she pays for this share and most times is not able to receive the water when it is her time to access the irrigation. She is wanting to have some kind of penalty for the theft of the water. She appreciated the efforts of Matt O'Leary every year when it comes to the irrigation. But there needs to be more done to ensure those that pay for the shares have access to the water. Mayor Binggeli will work with City Superintendent Beau Ziemer to look further into the irrigation situation. Mayor Binggeli wanted to remind those with irrigation shares that the city is not responsible for the upkeep of closed pipes. The city maintains the ditch that brings the water to the pipes. The maintenance fee for the irrigation covers the cleaning and prepping of the ditch and taking care of it during the irrigation season.

New Business-

- a. Park Benches- (Action Item) Eagle Scout Tyson Campbell gave an update on the park benches. He will be putting together a spread sheet for those donating park benches. He will be collecting the funds and marking down where each individual would like their park bench placed. Beau is working on the mapping for the placement of the benches. There will also be plaques for each bench that is purchased. There has been a good amount of interest so far. Based on the success, there is a possibility of the same type of opportunity for a gazebo in Kawanis Park, as well as more benches for the new portion of the pathway

once it is completed. There will be information available on our website soon.

- b. Appoint Library Board Member- Dorothy Woods- (Action Item) Librarian Melanie Cope introduced Dorothy Woods to the council for the appointment to the Library Board.  
**Councilwoman Evans made a motion to appoint Dorothy Woods to the Library Board. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
  
- c. Library Drop Box Location- (Action Item) Librarian Melaine Cope discussed with the council the options for the new Library Drop Box. The original plan was to have it placed at the new building. After discussion it has been decided to have the box placed at the old location. This will better serve the library patrons as well as the library staff. After discussion it was decided that Option #3 would be the best.  
**Councilwoman Ziemer made a motion to approve location #3 for the Library Drop Box. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
  
- d. Pond 4 Lining Project Change Order #1- (Action Item) City Engineer Andy Gehrke said that Idaho Site Works has submitted a 31- day time extension, with a no cost change order. Because of the water that has accumulated it was best to let the liner dry out before starting. Andy recommends approval.  
**Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Pond 4 Lining Project. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Councilwoman Evans made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the contract. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### Department Reports

Library Report- Librarian Melanie Cope said that Friday hours are going great. The February library project was very well received. Our library hosted the last Library Consortium, everyone was very impressed with all the improvements we have made with our current space.

#### Mayor & Council Comments

Kudos to Public Works for all the hard work they are doing within the city. Councilwoman Evans commented on the County Summit, she said it was very informational, the biggest take away was the situation with Clay Peak. They are filling up much faster than they originally were prepared for. The Payette County Jail is not in great shape and is needing much repair. The discussion regarding Impact Fee's was information as well. The council has asked that we contact Adam Gonzales from the county to come to our city council and discuss Impact Fee's. The council asked to contact the Mayor of Star to come discuss the things they are doing with all their city's growth.

#### Adjournment

**Councilman Davis moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

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Lisa Binggeli, Mayor

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Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk