

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
MONDAY  
08 September 2015  
7:00 pm  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 8th of September, 2015, the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 7 pm by Council President Bill Warnke. Roll call was taken with council members Warnke, Mayer and Kurth in attendance. Mayor Cook and Councilman York were absent.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Danielle Painter, Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer and City Engineer Andy Gerhke.

**Regular Agenda – Councilman Mayer moved to approve regular agenda, with an amendment adding Olivia Cline celebration discussion to old business. Councilman Kurth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

**Consent Agenda – The consent agenda included 17 August 2015 Council Meeting Minutes, Public Works Report and Claim Approvals totaling \$20,682.14. Councilman Mayer moved to approve consent agenda. Councilman Kurth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

#### Old Business

Olivia Cline Celebration – Councilman Mayer informed the council of the upcoming celebration to honor local Special Olympics athlete Olivia Cline to be held September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 from 6-7:30 pm at the VFW Hall. She stated that the city planned to present Ms. Cline with an engraved key to the city, a proclamation and a letter of appreciation for her family at the event.

#### New Business

New Plymouth Rural Fire Department Levy Election – Fire District Secretary Joan Howell provided the council with information regarding the next levy attempt to be on the November ballot. She explained that it would now be a 2 year temporary levy that would only require 51% of the vote to pass. Ms. Howell then informed the council of the more immediate needs of the fire district that would be remedied by the passage of the levy, including purchasing a newer pumper truck and heavy brush truck with certified equipment, completing the fire station and grounds and a breathing air compressor. She also requested that the city write a letter explaining its requirements for completion of the station and grounds to be made available to the voters.

Irrigation Burial – City Resident Shelly Edmunson represented Don Wheeler and presented the council with a brief history of the subdivision she lives in and the issues she and other homeowners are having due to an irrigation ditch running through their properties. She stated that a new property owner with water rights is asking for “reasonable access” to the ditch, requiring many of the subdivision residents to remove fences that have been in place for several years. She inquired about the responsibility of the city, county and state concerning this problem. Public Works Superintendent Zeimer responded that, unfortunately, piping the ditch had not been included in the subdivision development agreement that the city had approved. He stated that the property owner had piped another portion of the ditch bordering the subdivision and felt like she had done her part. He also stated that he couldn’t determine what the state required as “reasonable access”. The council discussed holding a public meeting to get more input and information on the issue. The date of Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm was set as the time and date, to be held in the library.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #2015-03

*"A Resolution of the City Council of the City of New Plymouth, Payette County, State of Idaho, setting forth certain findings; Authorizing the Mayor as the authorized agent of the city to sign this Declaration of the City Council's previous action dissolving the city's fire department; and directing the City Clerk; and providing an effective date."*

**Councilman Mayer moved to approve reading by title only and suspending further readings.**

**Councilman Kurth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

**Councilman Mayer moved to approve the reading. Councilman Kurth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

**Councilman Mayer moved to approve Resolution #2015-03. Councilman Kurth seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Public Comments

City resident Shelly Edmunson expressed her appreciation to the council for listening and being willing to help with the irrigation issue faced by the subdivision homeowners.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Mayer commented that she would miss resigning Deputy City Clerk Gina Christensen and wished her well in her new job. Councilman Warnke echoed her sentiment. He then thanked the concerned residents that had attended the meeting and encouraged all to attend again.

Adjournment

**Councilman Mayer moved to adjourn the council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kurth. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 pm.

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Bill Warnke, Council President

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Gina Christensen, Deputy City Clerk