

City of New Plymouth Council Meeting

February 2, 2026

The New Plymouth City Council held a regular meeting at 215 N Plymouth Ave, New Plymouth, Idaho.

Mayor Tyson Flannery called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Mayor led the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Present: Council-President James, Councilor Josh Davis, Councilor Martinez, Councilor Michael Ware

Council by Phone: None

Council Absent:

Staff Present: Marianne Gatchell – Clerk, Jill Holinka – City Attorney, Stephanie Johnson – Treasurer, Melanie Cope – Librarian, Public Works Superintendent – Beau Ziemer, Andy Gehrke- Engineer

Staff Absent:

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: None

Declaration of Council Members' Discussion Outside an Open Meeting: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting.

B. Approval of Accounts Payables

Councilor Martinez **MOVED TO** approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Council-President James. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Public Hearing: Resolution 2026-02 A resolution of the City of New Plymouth amending the City's fee schedule by adding reinspection fees related to building permits.

Councilor Davis **MOVED TO** open the public hearing. Councilor Ware seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Councilor-President James, - AYE, Councilor Davis – AYE, Councilor Ware – Aye, Councilor Martinez – AYE. **Motion carried by 4 – AYES to 0 – NAYS.**

Mayor Flannery opened the meeting at 6:02pm.

1. **Staff Presentation** – Jill Holinka presented the Resolution. Danny Little and Brandon Tarvin – Fruitland Building Inspector presented the Resolution 2026-02 and the purpose for asking for the new fees.
2. **Public Comments** –Ginny Barton testified in support with hope to increase fees. Judith Weiss – asked if this would be applied for new development.
3. **Close of Public Hearing** Councilor Davis **MOVED TO close the Public Hearing.** Councilor Ware seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote.** Councilor-President James, - AYE, Councilor Davis – AYE, Councilor Ware – Aye, Councilor Martinez – AYE. **Motion carried by 4 – AYES to 0 – NAYS.**

Mayor Flannery closed the public hearing at 6:12pm

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4. **Decision of Public Hearing** – Council-President James **MOVED TO** approve Resolution 2026-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW PLYMOUTH AMENDING THE CITY’S FEE SCHEDULE BY ADDING REINSPECTION FEES RELATED TO BUILDING PERMITS; DECLAINING ANY RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT ARE HEREBY REPEALED, RESCINDED, AND ANNULED; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilor Ware seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote.** Councilor-President James, - AYE, Councilor Davis – AYE, Councilor Ware – Aye, Councilor Martinez – AYE. **Motion carried by 4 – AYES to 0 – NAYS.**

Non-Consent Agenda

New Business

- A. Ordinance 434 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PLYMOUTH, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 1-8-6 OF THE NEW PLYMOUTH MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE MEETING DATES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND EFFECTIVE DATE AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY. – Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk.
Council-President James **MOVED TO** approve Ordinance 464 and dispense with the rule of requiring ordinances to be read on three separate days and one in full, and that the ordinance be read once by title only. Councilor Davis seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote.** Councilor-President James, - AYE, Councilor Davis – AYE, Councilor Ware – Aye, Councilor Martinez – AYE. **Motion carried by 4 – AYES to 0 – NAYS.**
Clerk Gatchell read the title of the proposed ordinance.
Council Davis **MOVED TO** approve ordinance 434, direct the mayor to sign, and have the ordinance published in summary. Seconded by Council-President James. **Roll Call Vote.** Councilor-President James, - AYE, Councilor Davis – AYE, Councilor Ware – Aye, Councilor Martinez – AYE. **Motion carried by 4 – AYES to 0 – NAYS.**
- B. Comprehensive Plan Facts and Findings – Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO** approve the comprehensive plan facts and findings and direct the mayor to sign. Councilor Ware seconded the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Resolution 2026-03. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO** approve Resolution 2026-03 adopting the Our Town, Our Future New Plymouth 2045 Comprehensive Plan and repealing the 2002 Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Council-President James **Roll Call Vote.** Councilor-President James, - AYE, Councilor Davis – AYE, Councilor Ware – Aye, Councilor Martinez – AYE. **Motion carried by 4 – AYES to 0 – NAYS.**
- C. Payette County Election Agreement. Councilor Martinez **MOVED TO** approve the agreement between Payette County and the City of New Plymouth for the use of City Hall as a facility for a polling place. Council-President James seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote.** Council-President James - AYE, Councilor Davis – NAY, Councilor Ware - NAY, Councilor Martinez – AYE. AYES – 2, NAYS – 2. **Break tie.** Mayor Flannery – AYE. **Motion Carried.**
- D. Request of a donation to the Payette County Parks and Recreation District – Councilor Martinez. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO** approve request to send a letter of donation

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request to Payette County Parks and Recreation. Councilor Ware seconded the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote.

DEPARTMENT/ ACTIVITY REPORTS

- A. Clerk/Building/Planning & Zoning** – Marianne Gatchell –none
- B. Treasurer** – Stephanie Johnson – none
- C. C. Library** – Melanie Cope, Director–none
- D. Public Works** – Beau Ziemer – none
- G. Engineer** – Andy Gehrke – none
- F. Payette County Paramedics** – none
- G. Payette County Sheriff** – none

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Suzanne Evans gave her opinion of what happened at the January 5th meeting as well as a public records request and a change in the city business hours.

Virginia Barton provided her opinion on the Impact Fee Committee as well as on the change in city business hours and the request for a Special Meeting by P&Z.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

COUNCIL: Councilor Davis, Ware and Martinez expressed interest in investigating the citizen comments.

MAYOR:

Councilor Ware **MOVED TO** adjourn. Seconded by Council-President James. **Motion Carried by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned 6:53p.m.

Mayor Tyson Flanner

Marianne Gatchell, Clerk