

City of New Plymouth Council Meeting

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November 17, 2025

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

Mayor Ron Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Mayor led the **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Present:** Councilor Josh Davis, Council-President Suzanne Evans, Councilor Michael Hughes, Councilor Wayde James

**Council by Phone:** None

**Council Absent:**

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

**Staff Absent:** Andy Gehrke – City Engineer

**Public Present:** Elizabeth Allen, Virginia Barton, Kelly and Tiffany Cockerum, Cora Kurth, Debbie Mills-Smith, Toni Blacketter, Jane Brandel, Cora Kurth, Penny Kovick, Greg Evans, Scott and Lori Soldiers, Michael Ware, Tyson Flannery, Penelope Johnson, Corey Evans

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:** None

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

Approval of Minutes – Councilor Davis **MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 03, 2025.** Seconded by Councilor James. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Approval of Payables – Council-President Evans **MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYABLES OF \$147,261.68.** Seconded by Councilor Hughes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing #1** Public Hearing was cancelled at the request of the requestor.

**Public Hearing #2.** Councilor Davis **MOVED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FINAL DRAFT.** Seconded by Councilor James. **Roll Call Vote – Council President Evans – AYE, Councilor Davis- AYE, Councilor Hughes – AYE, Councilor James – AYE. 4 – AYES, 0 – NAYS. Motion Carried.**

**The Public Hearing opened at 6:05pm.**

Elizabeth Allen presented the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Public Comment was given. Each being given a maximum of three minutes to speak.

Virginia Barton – Neutral

Penelope Johnson – In Favor

Mayor Martinez requested any further Public Comment.

Council-President Evans **MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.** Seconded by Councilor James. **Roll Call Vote – Council President Evans – AYE, Councilor Davis- AYE, Councilor Hughes – AYE, Councilor James – AYE. 4 – AYES, 0 – NAYS. Motion Carried.**

**The Public Hearing closed at 6:40pm.**

**Public Hearing #3** Council-President Evans **MOVED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TITLE 11.** Seconded by Councilor Hughes. **Roll Call Vote – Council President Evans – AYE, Councilor Davis- AYE, Councilor Hughes – AYE, Councilor James – AYE. 4 – AYES, 0 – NAYS. Motion Carried.**

**The Public Hearing opened at 6:41pm**

City Attorney Jill Holinka presented the Amendments to Title 11.

PW Superintendent Ziemer gave input recommending that we strike section five (5) and section seven (7).

No Public Comment was given.

Mayor Martinez requested any further Public Comment.

Councilor Davis **MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING.** Seconded by Councilor James. **Roll Call Vote – Council President Evans – AYE, Councilor Davis- AYE, Councilor Hughes – AYE, Councilor James – AYE. 4 – AYES, 0 – NAYS. Motion Carried.**

**The Public Hearing closed at 7:06pm.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Removed from the agenda.

B. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO REPEAL AND REMOVE THE 2002 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ACCEPT THE 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ADD THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND UPDATING THE LAND USE PLAN.** Seconded by Councilor Hughes. **Roll Call Vote – Council President Evans – AYE, Councilor Davis- AYE, Councilor Hughes – AYE, Councilor James – AYE. 4 – AYES, 0 – NAYS. Motion Carried.**

C. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 11 AND STRIKING SECTION FIVE (5) AND SECTIONSEVEN (7).** Seconded by Councilor James. **Roll Call Vote – Council President Evans – AYE, Councilor Davis- AYE, Councilor Hughes – AYE, Councilor James – AYE. 4 – AYES, 0 – NAYS. Motion Carried.**

D. Public Works Superintendent Beau Ziemer requested to deny all the bids for Horseshoe Park Pathway and revise the bid sheet and put out a request for bids again. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO REJECT THE BIDS FOR HORSESHOE PARK PATHWAY AND TO REVISE THE BID SHEET AND PUT OUT A REQUEST FOR BIDS AGAIN.** Seconded by Council-President Evans. **Roll Call Vote – Council President Evans – AYE, Councilor Davis- AYE, Councilor Hughes – AYE, Councilor James – AYE. 4 – AYES, 0 – NAYS. Motion Carried.**

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- E. Clerk Marianne Gatchell requests approval for Office Closure for Danielle Painter's Sentencing when the date comes. Councilor James **MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF CITY HALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING DANIELLE PAINTERS' SENTENCING WHEN IT TAKES PLACE.** Seconded by Councilor Hughes. Motion carried by voice vote.

**DEPARTMENT/ ACTIVITY REPORTS**

- A. **Payette County Sheriff** – No report  
B. **Clerk** – Marianne Gatchell – Gave report  
C. **Library** – Melanie Cope, Director–Gave report  
D. **Treasurer** – Stephanie Johnson – Gave report  
F. **Public Works** – Beau Ziemer – No report  
G. **Engineer** – Andy Gehrke – No report

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**COUNCIL:** Councilor Davis provided an update from his request to the Payette County Sheriff and asked for further clarification in regards to the use of the Co-op Park and further information was provided.

**Councilor Evans** gave an update on the raffle that she is doing to raise funds for the water wheel.

**MAYOR:** Help a neighbor program ended on October 30<sup>th</sup> and then he did Rake Up New Plymouth and how well those programs have done to serve the community. Mayor Martinez gave an update on the Waterwheel project.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

Councilor Davis **MOVED TO ADJOURN.** Seconded by Councilor Hughes. **Motion Carried.**

**Meeting Adjourned 7:43p.m.**

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**Mayor Ron Martinez**

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**Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk**