

NEW PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2025 – 6:00 PM
New Plymouth City Council Chambers
215 N Plymouth Avenue

1. The meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

- Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Evans, and Councilman Hughes, Councilman Martinez, and Mayor Lisa Grace
- Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Suzanna Culpepper, City Engineer Andy Gehrke, and Superintendent of Public Works Beau Ziemer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 18th, 2025

- **Motion:** Councilperson Martinez to approve the minutes from February 18th, 2025
- **Second:** By Councilman Huges
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously

4. Approval of Payables

- **Motion:** Councilperson Davis approves the payables in the amount of \$32,142.84
- **Second:** By Councilperson Evans
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously

5. Citizen Comments: none

6. Mayor and Council Comments: Mayor Grace discussed a project to assemble benches for the community. The benches are assembled, and the next step is to arrange for concrete delivery and installation. Mayor Grace will find volunteers to help with the bench installation.

Council Member Martinez encouraged others to continue the survey with local businesses and the schools, either electronically or otherwise. Council Member Evans shared her concerns about the need for better law enforcement. Council members agreed on important steps for the city's long-term sustainability; that the development of a comprehensive plan is still the first step and the goal is to have it completed by next fiscal year; the secondary action to consider would be the discussion on the implementation of impact fees and plan to include in next year's budget. Public Works Superintendent reminded the council that we will be collecting impact fees for the fire department and the city will collect administrative fees.

The discussion on a moratorium (on future builds) which was proposed by Councilman Davis. The City Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works weighed in and stated that our infrastructure is equipped to manage the anticipated growth at this time. The council agreed that deliberation on such issues should be posted as future agendas as discussion items.

Council Member Hughes brought up a potential impact of a proposed fireworks venue on the city, raising concerns about increased traffic and safety issues. He urged councilmembers and the public to attend the Gem County commissioner's meeting on March 10th at 6:00 PM to discuss the proposed fireworks venue. Urged others to advocate for the county to implement traffic control measures during events at the fireworks venue, including checkpoints on Highway 52.

7. New Business –

a. Findings of Facts- Sky Investments-Rywest-Preliminary Plat Pilgrims Cove Subdivision- (Action Item) Discussion:

- **Discussion:** Council members reviewed the preliminary plat for Sky West and Pilgrims Cove developments and found no reason not to approve them.
- **Motion:** Councilwoman Evans to approve the preliminary plats for Sky West and Pilgrims Cove developments.
- **Second:** Councilman Hughes
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously.

8. Department Reports

N/A

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm

- **Motion:** Councilperson Martinez to adjourn
- **Second:** By Councilperson Davis
- **Vote:** Approved Unanimously.

Approve:

Attest:

Lisa Grace, Mayor

Suzanna Culpepper, City Deputy Clerk