

City of New Plymouth Council Meeting

October 20, 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 Wayde James, Councilor Michael Hughes – Tardy.

Council by Zoom: None

Council Absent:

Staff Present: Marianne Gatchell- City Clerk, Stephanie Johnson – Treasurer, Melanie Cope – Librarian, Andy Gehrke – City Engineer, Jill Holinka - City Attorney (by phone for executive session)

Staff Absent: Beau Ziemer – Superintendent of Public Works

Public Present: Virginia Barton, Toni Blacketter, Suzanna Culpepper, Jane Brandel, Cora Kurth, Judith Weiss, Michael Ware, Shellie Wilson

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: None

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

Approval of Minutes – Council-President Evans **MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2025 AMENDING TO STRIKE THE COMMENTS MADE BY MAYOR MARTINEZ IN REGARDS TO ENDORSING A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.** Seconded by Councilor James. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Approval of Payables – Council-President Evans **MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYABLES OF \$65,858.08.** Seconded by Councilor Davis. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

COUNCIL: Councilor Davis thanked Clerk Gatchell in regards to getting the Mayor and Council a copy of the Agreement between the Payette County Sheriff Dept and the City of New Plymouth.

MAYOR: None

NEW BUSINESS:

City Clerk Gatchell requested approval of the Special Events Permit. Councilor Davis **MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE KIWANIS TRUNK OR TREAT, OCTOBER 31, 2025** Seconded by Council-President Evans. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Mayor Martinez requested approval for City Leaf Day. Council-President Evans **MOVED TO APPROVE THE DATE OF NOVEMBER 8, 2025 FOR CITY LEAF DAY.** Seconded by Councilor Davis. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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Mayor Martinez requested approval of the Waterwheel Proposal. Councilor Evans **MOVED TO APPROVE THE WATERWHEEL PROPOSAL**. Council-President Evans seconded the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote**

Councilor Davis **MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN REGARDS TO 74-206 (1)(F)-(F) TO COMMUNICATE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC AGENCY TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS OF AND LEGAL OPTIONS FOR PENDING LITIGATION, OR CONTROVERSIES NOT YET BEING LITIGATED BUT IMMINENTLY LIKELY TO BE LITIGATED**. 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.**

City Council went into Executive session at 6:25pm.

Councilor Davis **MOVED TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**. 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 by voice vote.**

City Council left Executive session at 7:00pm.

No action was to be taken.

DEPARTMENT/ ACTIVITY REPORTS

- A. Payette County Sheriff** – Gave report
- B. Clerk** – Marianne Gatchell – No 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

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Ron Martinez

Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk