

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
MONDAY  
April 5, 2021  
6:00 P.M.  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2021, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Rick York.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Payette County Sheriff Officer Perez.

Roll call was taken with council members Bill Warnke, Tom Hoppell, Cora Kurth, and Eileen Balcer present.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Danielle Painter, Deputy Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke, and City Attorney Dan Chadwick.

Guest's present were Duane Presnell, Dale Williamson, and Officer Perez.

March 15th, 2021 City Council Minutes- Action Item

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the March 15th, 2021 City Council Minutes. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claim Approvals- Action Item

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve claim approvals totalling \$18,736.17. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

New Business – (Action Item)

- a. Dale Williamson- Letters he has received from city hall.

Mr. Williamson said he did get most of the information he requested in his public records request in the letters he received from city hall. He did have some additional information he would like which is why he asked to be on the agenda. Mr. Williamson thought that Planning & Zoning approved the plans for Harvest Creek Subdivision with 1 acre lots. He was upset because the current plans are for upwards of 150 houses, which means the lots will not be 1 acre lots. He is not ok with the smaller lots for the subdivision. City Attorney Dan Chadwick told the council that the preliminary plat for Harvest Creek Subdivision has already been approved so there is nothing that can be done about Mr. Williamson's disapproval of the lot size. Mr. Williamson also brought forth his concern with Adams Rd. He believes that this should be a road that the subdivision should be responsible for repairing. That this should not be the taxpayer's responsibility. Mr. Williamson asked about the building plans for the new city hall. He asked to see the cost estimate of the remodel. Danielle Painter let Mr. Williamson know that the city has yet to receive any building plans from our city engineer. The plans should be ready this next week. Once received they will be reviewed by our building inspector. Then to city council for approval. Mr. Williams is not pleased with the city's decision to discontinue use of The Argus Observer as our public notice publication. City Attorney Dan Chadwick stated that it is illegal for the city to use a paper that is not published in Idaho. The Argus Observer is published in Ontario Oregon, which means by law the city can't use them for our publications. Dan Chadwick stands by his recommendation to the city to use a paper that is published in Idaho. Mr. Williamson thanked the council for allowing him to be on the agenda.

- b. Water & Sewer Capitalization Fee Study- Andy Gehrke explained to the city council that the written draft explains how Cap fees are calculated in Idaho. He used the terminology that was used in the AIC report.

Using the example of the sewer/water system being a pie. That each user takes a piece of the pie when they use a connection for water/sewer. That each piece needs to be paid for by that user. Implementing a CAP fee means that each user in fact is paying for their share of the pie. These fees would be charged to new builds only. Existing connections to city services would not pay a CAP Fee. Beau Ziemer recommends that we adopt a resolution as soon as possible to implement the CAP Fee. Andy Gehrke will revise this report which will include table 2 from pages 3 & 4 of the Cap fees report. This report will include his PE stamp and be ready to use for the public hearing on the Cap fee resolution. This new information would then be included on the city building permit applications once the resolution is passed.

- c. Increasing Water & Sewer Connection Fees- This item was discussed within the Water & Sewer Capitalization Fee Study. The fees for water & sewer connection will stay the same. No further action needed on this item.
- d. Set Public Hearing Date for Budget Hearing FY2022

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to set the public budget hearing date for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 for FY2022 budget. Councilman Hoppell seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Department Reports

- a. January Financials FY2021- no discussion
- b. February Financials FY2021- no discussion
- c. Engineering Status Report- Andy Gehrke said that he will be sending Danielle Painter the cost estimate for the new city hall remodel this week. The seepage testing will start this month on pond 1.

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilman Warnke said there was some interesting smoke coming out of the sewer. He asked how the smoke sewer testing had gone. Beau Ziemer said it went pretty well. They did find somethings that needed to be addressed. Which means that the testing was a good idea.

Adjournment

**Councilman Hoppell moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

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Rick York, Mayor

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Danielle Painter, City Clerk