

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
August 7, 2023
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 7th of August 2023, 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 City Attorney Dan Chadwick.

Roll call was taken with council members Eileen Balcer, Heather Airoidi, Cora Kurth, Bill Warnke, and Mayor York present.

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

July 17, 2023, City Council Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the minutes from July 17, 2023. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- Action Item

Councilwoman Airoidi made a motion to approve the claim approvals totalling \$81,850.25. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing- FY2024 Budget - (Action Item)

Open Public Hearing 6:02 p.m.

Public Testimony

In Favor: None

Neutral: None

Against:

Virigina Barton 205 W Canal St N.P.

Shelly Wilson 4470 SW 2nd Ave N.P.

Duane Presnell 4555 Idaho N.P.

Dale Williamson 510 E Idaho N.P.

Penny Kovick 4157 NW 1st Ave N.P.

Kelley Cockerum 412 Holly Ave N.P.

Derek Kovick 4157 NW 1st Ave N.P.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Close public hearing 6:25 p.m.

New Business-

- a. FY2024 Budget- (Action Item) Discussion between council. The council addressed some of the issues and concerns that were brought up in the public testimony. Councilwoman Balcer clarified that the city clerk/treasurer raise is \$3.00 an hour, not \$4.40. This amount is now being paid out of the general fund 100%. Councilwoman Kurth asked if there was a deadline to pass the budget. City Clerk Danielle Painter said that yes, she believes it is September 1st. Mayor York pointed out that the budget must include proposed grants that we are not guaranteed to receive. Councilman Warnke said that the last time he ran for city council he has ran unopposed. He would like to see more involvement from those in city limits. He also asked the question what would happen to the city if there was no budget passed. The city can't

run without a budget.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to pass the FY2024 Budget. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, no. Councilwoman Kurth, no. Councilman Warnke, yes. 2 yeses, 2 no. Mayor York voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried. FY2024 Budget passes.

b. Double Diamon Street Dance- (Action Item)

Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the Double Diamond Special Events Permit for the street dance. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

c. Reader Board Discussion- City Clerk Danielle Painter let the council know that the current bid we have from Superior Signs is expired. We need to have them out to give us a new quote. Councilwoman Balcer said that the reader board is beneficial for the city. It will be able to notify the city patrons of city business, events, and updates.

d. Library Grant Update- Librarian Melanie Cope informed the council that our library didn't get the \$500,000.00 grant. She will find out once the official results are in as to where our library was ranked. She asked if anyone hears of any other grant opportunities to please let her know.

e. School Pedestrian Crossing Project- Paul Construction Payment Application 1- (Action Item) City Engineer Andy Gehrke said that the work is 25% complete and they are satisfied with the work that is completed so far. The wait is mainly related to the wait time on receiving the flashing lights for the cross walks. Andy recommends payment.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to approve the pay application #1 to Paul Construction and have the mayor sign. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

Ordinance 423- FY2024 Budget- (Action Item)

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to read Ordinance 423 FY2024 Budget by title only and suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

City Clerk Danielle Painter read Ordinance 423 FY2024 Budget.

Councilman Warnke made a motion to accept the reading of Ordinance 423 FY2024 Budget. Councilwoman Balcer seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 423 FY2024 Budget. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

Department Reports

- a. Financial Report-No Discussion
- b. Public Works Report- No Discussion

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilman Warnke is disappointed in the turn out for the public hearing. More people that are out of the city limits were here tonight. He would like to see a better turn out of people that live in city limits at the meetings. Mayor York said that unfortunately we can't please everyone with every decision we make as a city council. We make decisions based on what we think is best for our city's infrastructure.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Balcer moved to adjourn the council meeting. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Rick York, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, Deputy Clerk