

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
March 4, 2024
6:00 P.M.
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 4th of March 2024, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M. by Mayor Lisa Binggeli.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Lisa Binggeli.

Roll call was taken with council members Dana Zeimer, Josh Davis, Suzanne Evans, Eileen Balcer and Mayor Lisa Binggeli present.

Staff members in attendance were City Clerk Marianne Gatchell, Deputy Clerk Suzanna Culpepper, City Superintendent Beau Ziemer, City Engineer Andy Gehrke.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to amend the agenda for the Payette County Planning and Zoning recommendation for the impact area. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

February 20, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes- Action Item

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claim Approvals- Action Item

Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the claim approvals for \$63,745.47. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Message from the Mayor

Mayor Lisa Binggeli said the plan for the benches in the park/pathway is coming along. They will meet with the eagle scout and scout master to discuss the process. The sign for the city hall will be ready in a few weeks. The city will be working on grading roads.

Citizen Comments

None

New Business-

- a. Kristen Nieskens-SREDA (Action Item) Kristen Nieskens from SREDA introduced herself and the program to our Mayor and Council. She said that SREDA was organized in 2009 and stands for Snake River Economic Development. It covers 3 counties, Malheur, Payette, and Washington. Most cities in Payette County are members of SREDA. The general cost to be a member is \$1.00 per person of population. It represents the region for economic development. They have meetings the first Wednesday of the month from 7 to 8 am. The budget covers marketing, attendance to tradeshow, and Kristen's salary. They are currently working on finding specific people to assist with grant writing. She will be in contact with our city clerk for further information and opportunities.
- b. Unappoint Charles Watts Planning and Zoning Commission- (Action Item) Charles Watts is currently not able to serve as P&Z commissioner until July when he will have been a Payette County resident for 2 years.

Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to unappoint Planning and Zoning Commissioner Charles Watts. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- c. Appoint Ron Martinez Planning and Zoning Commissioner- (Action Item)
Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to appoint Ron Martinez to Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilwoman Ziemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- d. Procurement of Wastewater Headworks Screen- (Action Item) City Engineer Andy Gehrke said that they submitted the bid to three equipment suppliers. Seevco was the only bid they received for \$58,250.00 which was \$31,000.00 lower than the first quote. Andy has reviewed the bid and recommends the city award the contract to Seevco.
Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to award the contract to Seevco and allow the mayor to sign. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Ziemer, yes. Councilman Davis, yes. Councilwoman Evans, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.

- e. Farm Lease Application and Legal Publication- This is the application and legal publication for the farm lease at 4700 NW 1st Ave. We are opening the bid as of March 5, 2024, and taking applications which will close on March 19, 2024. Applications are available at city hall.

- f. Review Payette County Planning and Zoning Recommendation for Impact Area- (Action Item) City Superintendent Beau Ziemer explained to the council that anything that is in our cities impact area the county should be asking for the city's recommendation. His opinion is to send a favourable recommendation.
Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to send a favourable recommendation to Payette County Planning and Zoning to allow the building right to be transferred. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Public Works Report- City Superintendent Beau Ziemer discussed the SCADA system, they have found a breakdown, they will be working on the fix. This will be discussed in the future with the mayor.

Engineering Status Report-

City Engineer Andy Gehrke said there is a few items checked off the list. Pond 4 lining project might be delayed because of the water that has collected.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor Binggeli said there are two properties we are currently working on to get cleaned up. The youth from the LDS Church will help clean up the house on Holly during the Serve Day. The property on Park will be pushed back a little as the owner is currently in the hospital. His family is working to get it cleaned up.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

Lisa Binggeli, Mayor

Marianne Gatchell, City Clerk