

New Plymouth City Council Meeting  
MONDAY  
October 17, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
New Plymouth City Council Chambers

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, the New Plymouth City Council meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Council President Bill Warnke.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Shelly Wilson.

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

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

October 3, 2022 City Council Minutes- Action Item

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 2022. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claim Approvals- Action Item

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the claim approvals totalling \$69,830.71. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Public Hearing-

- a. Hardin Sanitation 8.3% Rate Increase

Open public hearing 6:03 p.m.

Mark Fulwiler from Hardin Sanitation explained to the council that the rate increase is to cover the cost of living, inflation, and maintain the equipment.

Against- Dale Williamson- 510 E Idaho St NP

Mark Fulwiler- closing statement. This increase will also be used to retain the valued and trained drivers they have. Which is important in keeping our cities safe.

Councilwoman Balcer asked Mark if when things with the economy level out could there be a conversation about lowering the rates? Mark said it is something that could be discussed.

Close public hearing 6:10 p.m.

New Business-

- a. Hardin Sanitation Rate Increase (Action Item)

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the Hardin Sanitation Rate Increase. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 4 yeases. Motion carried.**

- b. DEQ ARPA Grant Application (Action Item) City Engineer Andy Gehrke has prepared the ARPA grant application This is for the pond 4 lining project.

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to approve the DEQ ARPA Grant Application and have council president Bill Warnke sign. Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 4 yeases. Motion carried.**

- c. Engineering Agreement- (Action Item)

**Councilwoman Kurth made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement.**

**Councilwoman Airoidi seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Airoidi, yes. Councilman Warnke, yes. Councilwoman Kurth, yes. Councilwoman Balcer, yes. 4 yeses. Motion carried.**

Resolution

- a. 2022-03 Water/Sewer Rate Increase (Action Item)

**Councilwoman Balcer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-03 Water/Sewer Rate Increase. Councilwoman Kurth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Department Reports

- a. Library Reports- Librarian Melanie Cope said she had a very eye-opening time at her conference. There were lots of discussions from other libraries that have gone through remodelling and expansions.  
b. Public Works Report- No Discussion  
c. Payette County Sheriff Report- Looked like a busy month.

Mayor & Council Comments

Fall Clean Up dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Approve:

Attest:

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Rick York, Mayor

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Danielle Painter, City Clerk