

April 22, 2024

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Meeting Budget Session #1 in the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Council President Kleeburg; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Klein (Zoom); Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire (Zoom).

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Councilor Liedkie.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Kuzik asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ada County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tobin Bolter who was killed in the line of duty on April 20, 2024.

After the moment of silence was observed, Chief Kuzik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Eric Peterson, a resident of Lewiston, proposed allocating \$40,000 to \$50,000 from the City's Fiscal Year 2025 budget to renew the MyLewiston app, which had been discontinued due to low usage.

IV. BUDGET ITEMS

Finance Director Gordon provided an overview of the FY2025 budget process, outlined budget meeting dates, and explained the new approach is category focused rather than department focused. Continuing, Finance Director Gordon reviewed the City Council's roles and encouraged Councilors to provide feedback throughout the process. After reviewing city funds and fund types, Finance Director Gordon answered questions received by the Mayor and Councilors.

A. FY25 BUDGET PROCESS

B. COUNCIL'S ROLES

C. CITY FUNDS & FUND TYPES

V. **BUDGET DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION**

This is an opportunity for Councilors to ask questions, have discussions and provide direction to staff related to the fiscal year 2025 budget - Action Item

Council President Kleeburg expressed concerns about spending the entire building fund without fulfilling the original purpose of building a new fire station.

Councilor Spickelmire questioned if departments could prioritize budget requests and if there would be an update on the golf course.

Councilor Schroeder noted she likes the new budget process.

Councilor Forsmann questioned if there would be a way to provide public education on property taxes and replenish funding in the building reserve. She also noted her priorities are restoring the Bert Lipps pool, road improvements and building funds/maintenance.

VI. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. **CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:** Comments shall not be related to an item currently before the City Council or an item that may come before the City Council in the foreseeable future, and shall be limited to comments, not discussion.

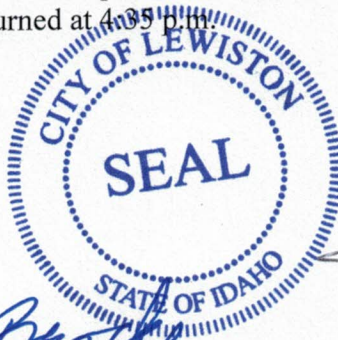
Councilor Forsmann thanked the staff for the efforts they put into the budget process and for the information.

B. **MAYOR COMMENTS**

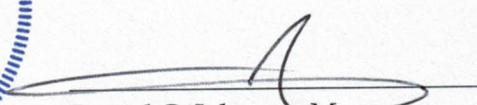
None.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the April 22, 2024 Special Meeting Budget #1 Session. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.




Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor