

June 3, 2024

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a WORK SESSION at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Council President Kleeburg; Councilor Forsmann (3:26 p.m.); Councilor Klein; Councilor Liedkie (Zoom); Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Steve Carlton, resident of Lewiston ID, voiced his concerns if the City Council were to place limits on shipping containers through changes to the Lewiston City Code.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. LEWISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT BADGE PINNING:** Promoting Corporal Tanisha Earl to the rank of Sergeant (Chief Kuzik)

Police Chief Kuzik said a few words regarding Corporal Earl's promotion to Police Sergeant. Clerk Brocke administered the oath of office, while Sergeant Earl's family completed the badge pinning.

V. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. WW061 FY2023 EAST ORCHARDS SEWER PROJECT: PHASE 3 AMENDMENT #2:** Considering approving Amendment #2 to the Professional Service Agreement between the City of Lewiston and Merrick & Company for the East Orchards Sewer Expansion Phase 3 in the amount of \$85,500.00 and authorizing the Mayor to sign the amendment - Action Item (Public Works Director Johnson)

Councilor Schroeder moved to approve Amendment #2 to the Professional Service Agreement between the City of Lewiston and Merrick & Company. Council President Kleeburg seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire; Liedkie. VOTING NAY: None. EXCUSED: Forsmann.**

VI. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Please note that identifying an item as an “Action Item” does not require the City Council to vote on that item.

- A. **MAIN STREET CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:** Update from Welch Comer & Associates, Inc. regarding the planned process for public engagement related to the preliminary design for the Main Street Corridor Improvements project - Action Item

City Engineer Antonich introduced Phil Boyd and Adam Ratliff of Welch Comer & Associates. A general overview of the process was provided, along with the goals and intent of the project.

Councilor Forsmann arrived at 3:26 p.m.

- B. **SHIPPING CONTAINERS:** Providing direction to the City Staff on how to proceed related to code enforcement of zoning code provisions prohibiting shipping/sea cargo containers - Action Item (City Planner Plaskon)

City Planner Plaskon requested direction from City Council on the possibility of either 1) leaving the City Code as is and enforcing violations on a reactive basis, 2) proactively enforcing the prohibition, or 3) amending the City Code to allow the use of shipping containers by removing the prohibition provisions from the Zoning Code.

After discussion, Councilors Liedkie and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to direct staff to begin the public hearing process, specifically under Option 3 (amending Lewiston City Code to allow the use of shipping containers as detached accessory buildings by removing the prohibition provisions from the Zoning Code) and move forward with the Planning & Zoning process. The motion passed 6-0.

- C. **FIRE STATION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE:** Receiving an update on the Fire Station Hazard Mitigation Plan and providing direction to the Fire Chief and City Staff on next steps to remove other hazards at the City's fire station facilities - Action Item (Fire Chief Rightmier)

Fire Chief Rightmier provided the City Council with an update on the progress of the Fire Station Hazard Mitigation project, along with the proposed solutions and recommendations for Fire Stations 1, 2, and 4.

- D. **BERT LIPPS POOL:** Review and discussion of the Bert Lipps Pool study by Counsilman/Hunsaker & Associates, Inc. - Action Item (Councilor Spickelmire)

Councilor Spickelmire reviewed the reason behind the item and asked Facilities Supervisor Valerie Warren to go through the proposal and provide options. After review, Councilors discussed providing citizens with the opportunity to provide feedback through public engagement sessions and whether the Parks and Recreation Commission would be the lead.

Councilor Spickelmire said he would bring it up at the next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and report back to Council.

- E. CITY-OWNED PROPERTY:** Review and discussion about City-owned property for possible surplus or lease - Action Item (Councilor Liedkie)

Councilors Klein and Liedkie moved and seconded, respectively, to direct staff to move forward with surplussing the portion of the cemetery next to Southway Ave and present some options at the August 5th Work Session. The motion carried 5-1 with Council President Kleeburg opposed.

Council then agreed to have staff review the process to surplus a parcel of airport property, which is owned by both the City of Lewiston and Nez Perce County, and report back to Council at a future meeting.

- F. CODE AMENDMENTS RELATED TO MUNICIPAL PARKING:** Discussion and consideration of changing the Lewiston City Code related to municipal parking lots - Action Item (Councilor Klein)

Councilor Klein led a discussion on amending the City Code to address health and safety issues in municipal parking lots. After addressing questions from the Council, Mayor Johnson stated that he would work with the City Attorney on drafting the revisions to City Code and presenting them at a future work session for further discussion.

VII. 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 Liedkie left the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Councilor Schroeder commented on the great turnout of kids for the Public Works Expo and encouraged citizens to attend next year.

Councilor Spickelmire thanked Assistant City Attorney Drury for her work and said that she would be missed. Mayor Johnson asked Assistant City Attorney Drury if she would like to provide any comments.

Assistant City Attorney Drury explained that she accepted a position at Walla Walla County, which would significantly shorten her commute time, and that she would miss working with City Council and staff.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

None.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

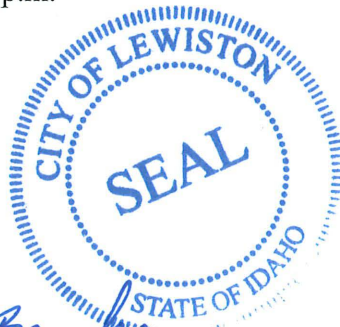
Mayor Johnson also announced that a resolution to appoint Assistant City Attorney Tengono as the new City Attorney would be presented at the June 10, 2024 City Council meeting.

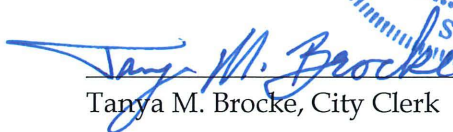
D. AGENDA TOPICS: - Action Item

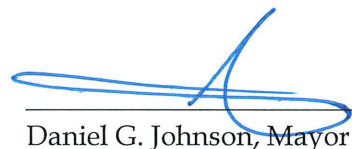
Councilor Klein made a motion to move City Council meetings to the Community Center with a second from Councilor Spickelmire. The motion failed 2-3 with Councilors Kleeburg, Schroeder and Forsmann opposed.

VIII. 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 June 3, 2024 Work Session. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.




Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor