

June 26, 2024

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Joint Lewiston City Council & Nez Perce County Commissioners Special Meeting in the City Hall Back Conference Room at 1134 F Street. Council President Kleeburg and Commission Chair Havens called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Council President Kleeburg; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Klein; Councilor Liedkie; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire.

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Mayor Johnson.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commission Chair Havens; Commissioner Beck; Commissioner Zenner.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Kleeburg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

IV. JOINT CITY OF LEWISTON/NEZ PERCE COUNTY DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: (Coordinator James Wooderchak)

Emergency Management Coordinator Wooderchak briefed the Councilors and Commissioners on items in process, such as updates to the Federal Emergency Management Agency maps, the Emergency Operations Plan and the All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

B. E-911 PROGRAM: (911 Coordinator Bill Reynolds)

Dave Taylor, 911 coordinator, introduced the new Emergency Communications System Manager, Aaron Butler, and reviewed the Emergency Communications Joint Powers Board budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

C. SOUTHWAY BRIDGE: (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson explained that the latest underwater inspection report outlined some maintenance issues, and recommended the four entities that owned the bridge - City of Lewiston, Nez Perce County, City of Clarkston and Asotin County -

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enter into an interlocal agreement to split the repair costs equally.

D. SANITATION: (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Johnson noted that his only update related to the transfer station was that the contract with the Asotin County Landfill for disposal would be expiring in 2025, and a new contract would need to be negotiated.

E. STORMWATER: (Commissioner Havens)

Commission Chair Havens asked Public Works Director Johnson to provide an explanation about the storm water fee and structure. Public Works Director Johnson explained the distinction between credits and waivers for the MS4 storm system. Waivers are received for properties that are not hydraulically connected to the system, as their water cannot enter the city's system, while properties hydraulically connected to the system receive credits based on criteria outlined in the City's ordinance, as their water eventually discharges into the system.

F. SIDEWALKS - BURRELL AND AIRWAY: (Commissioner Havens)

Commission Chair Havens explained concerns related to sidewalk requirements on Airway Avenue near the Nez Perce County Fairgrounds and clarified his understanding of the Fee in Lieu of (FILO) alternative.

G. ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY: (Councilor Liedkie)

Councilor Liedkie requested that the County Commission reinstate the road and bridge levy in their budget, as it was not taken last year, which impacted the city. Commission Chair Havens clarified that the County chose not to take the levy, affecting their budget differently than the city's. Discussion followed about the complications of the levy system under the Idaho Statute, its impact on both county and city budgets, and efforts to change the system.

H. AIRPORT: (Airport Director Isaacs)

Airport Director Isaacs reviewed the airport's budget and reported that they would not be requesting any subsidy from the City of Lewiston or the Nez Perce County. He expressed appreciation for the City of Lewiston and Nez Perce County's support and encouraged them to keep the airport in mind for any surplus trucks.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. NEZ PERCE COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commission Chair Havens emphasized the importance of considering the impact

investments have on partnerships and recognizing the efforts made by both entities.

Council President Kleeburg excused himself from the meeting at 4:38 p.m. and appointed Councilor Liedkie as Acting Chair.

Commissioner Zenner informed everyone that due to a requirement for 10 feet of spacing between food booths at the fair, they would lose 10 to 15 booths and their associated income, and asked councilors to intervene. Fire Chief Rightmier noted he would look into the requirements and get back to the Councilors.

Commissioner Beck thanked the Council for coming together to discuss important matters, emphasized the importance of collaboration and expressed appreciation for the Council's efforts.

- B. 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 expressed appreciation for the opportunity to discuss issues affecting citizens and the importance of working together.

Acting Chair Liedkie thanked the Nez Perce County staff for their efforts and encouraged regular updates to the City Council.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council and Nez Perce County Commissioners, Councilors Liedkie and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the June 26, 2024, Joint Meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.




Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor