

August 5, 2024

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Work Session in 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; Councilor Klein; Councilor Liedkie; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Because the final report had not yet been received from the consultant, Councilors Forsmann and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to remove Agenda Item IV. B. Facility Feasibility Analysis. The motion carried 6-0.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Shirley Phillipps, Chair of the Cemetery and Urban Forestry Commission, emphasized the importance of Normal Hill Cemetery and requested the Council to delay surplussing the property until the Commission completes its study.

Elizabeth Goetzinger, a resident of Lewiston, voiced her opposition to surplussing the cemetery property.

Debbie Ruark, a resident of Lewiston, questioned the urgency and reason to sell the cemetery property.

Bob Clabby, a resident of Lewiston, phoned in his opposition to surplussing the cemetery property.

Cynthia Ball, a resident of Lewiston, sent an email noting her opposition to surplussing the cemetery property.

Kelly Bursch, a resident of Lewiston, left Councilor Schroeder a voicemail in opposition to surplussing the cemetery property.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

A. CEMETERY PROPERTY SURPLUS OPTIONS: Review of the Cemetery property surplus options - Action Item (City Attorney Tengono)

City Attorney Tengono outlined the surplus process, zoning, proposed property adjustments, and next steps. After discussion, the Mayor and Council emphasized the need for a sustainable plan and agreed to receive a progress update from the Cemetery and Urban Forestry Commission at the November 4th Work Session.

B. FACILITY FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS: Review and discussion of the Facility Feasibility Analysis - Action Item (Mayor Johnson)

Item removed by motion at the beginning of the meeting, as the final report had not been received from the consultants.

V. 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 explained that emails for City Councilors are typically sent to the City Clerk and then distributed to the Mayor and Councilors. She also noted she would be out of town for the rest of the week.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

None.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson informed Councilors that staff has been doing a great job getting ready for the budget year.

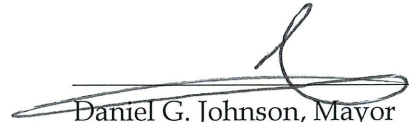
D. AGENDA TOPICS: - Action Item

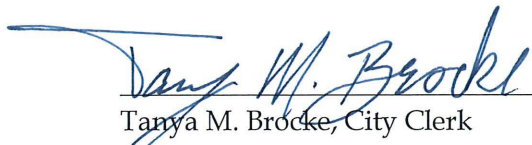
1. RESCHEDULING VA-01-2024: Considering moving discussion of VA-01-2024 from August 12 to August 26 due to City Attorney availability - Action Item

Councilors Liedkie and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to move the discussion on VA-01-2024 from August 12th to August 26th. The motion passed 6-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Forsmann and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the August 5, 2024 Work Session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.


Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

