

August 19, 2024

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Meeting in the Lewiston Library Second Floor Activity Room at 411 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jade Stanton, a resident of Lewiston, expressed concerns about Lewiston having the highest property taxes in Idaho and asked about the community's financial deficit that necessitates a tax increase.

Travis Meeks, a resident of Lewiston, expressed his opposition to the proposed property tax increase, as Lewiston is already one of the highest taxed areas in Idaho and residents are feeling the burden.

Loris Profitt, a resident of Lewiston, encouraged the Council to look for new ways to gather revenue, such as building new houses, without displacing the citizens.

Eugene Dugger, a long-time resident of Lewiston, expressed concerns about the city's increasing taxes and encouraged the Council to use funding for projects that are needed.

Linda Mulalley, a long-time resident of Lewiston, spoke regarding the surplus of cemetery property and that it should be protected and not sold.

Kori Johnson, a resident of Lewiston, asked the Council to listen to the people and take into consideration that the community has a lot of senior citizens and young families.

Michelle Ralston, a resident of Idaho, strongly disagreed with increasing property taxes and encouraged the Council to find another way.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. ORDINANCES

1. SECOND READING

- a. **ORDINANCE 4926:** Considering amending Ordinance 4894, the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, appropriating additional monies that are to be received by the City of Lewiston, Idaho in the sum of fifteen million five hundred eighteen thousand six hundred thirty dollars (\$15,518,630) - (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4926. Council Kleeburg seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE 4926: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4894, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONIES THAT ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO IN THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$15,518,630); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- b. **ORDINANCE 4923:** To be termed the “2025 Annual Appropriation Ordinance,” considering appropriating sums of money authorized by law and deemed necessary for all general and special municipal purposes of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 - (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilors Klein and Liedkie moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4923.

After questions and discussion, Councilor Liedkie moved to amend the motion to have staff bring an ordinance that shows a balanced budget with a 1.55% property tax increase. Council President Kleeburg seconded for discussion.

After further discussion, City Attorney Tengono noted that the motion needed to indicate which items are specifically being changed in the ordinance. In order for Finance Director Gordon to work out the amounts, Mayor Johnson called a recess at 7:32 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

Councilor Liedkie clarified that under Section 2. A. General Government

Funds the "General Fund" Executive would be reduced from \$400,290 to \$385,290; Human Resources would be reduced from \$586,130 to \$581,130; Police Protection would be reduced from \$9,792,490 to \$9,762,490 and Fire Protection reduced from \$11,192,260 to \$11,046,270. Additionally, under "Other Government Funds", the Transportation fund would be reduced from \$4,907,230 to \$4,719,230, and Public Transportation reduced from \$1,419,030 to \$1,358,090. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Spickelmire voting against.

Council President Kleeburg moved and Councilor Forsmann seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4923 as amended. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Spickelmire voting against.

ORDINANCE 4923: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, TO BE TERMED THE "2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE," APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND DEEMED NECESSARY FOR ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- c. **ORDINANCE 4924:** Considering fixing and establishing the tax certification on all taxable properties situated within the corporate limits of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, for the purpose of providing and raising monies for municipal and corporate purposes; providing for the tax certification to the Board of County Commissioners of Nez Perce County, Idaho in the amount of \$24,524,120; providing a certified copy of the 2025 Annual Appropriation Ordinance to the Board of County Commissioners of Nez Perce County, Idaho as adopted by the City of Lewiston for the 2024-2025 fiscal year - (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilors Liedkie and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4924.

Councilor Liedkie moved to amend Ordinance 4924 to state under Section 1. A. the General Fund amount reduced from \$17,234,410 to \$17,138,420, reduce Public Transportation from \$414,040 to \$353,500, reduce Streets (Transportation Fund) under Section 1. B. from \$5,133,000 to \$4,945,000, and reduce the total amount from \$24,524,120 to \$24,179,590. Councilor Forsmann seconded and the motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Spickelmire voting against.

Council President Kleeburg moved and Councilor Forsmann seconded to

approve the second reading of Ordinance 4924 as amended. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Spickelmire voting against.

ORDINANCE 4924: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX CERTIFICATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND RAISING MONIES FOR MUNICIPAL AND CORPORATE PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE TAX CERTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$24,179,590); PROVIDING A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE 2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO, AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF LEWISTON FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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.

Council President Kleeburg expressed appreciation for the citizens who attended the meeting and provided a reminder that school starts on Wednesday, August 21st.

Councilor Forsmann thanked police officers for keeping the community safe, as well as the students during the first week of school.

Councilor Schroeder provided a shout-out to the Public Works Street Department for doing a very organized and efficient job.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson thanked City Clerk Brocke and City Attorney Tengono for keeping him and the Council on track, as well as Finance Director Gordon.

Mayor Johnson read a letter from the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association congratulating the Lewiston Police Department for being in full compliance with all accreditation standards.

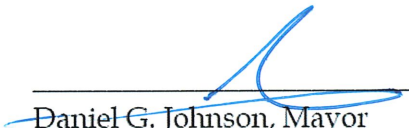
D. AGENDA TOPICS: - Action Item

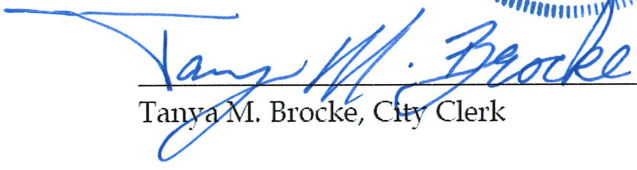
Councilor Spickelmire moved to request a performance update from the Lewiston Nez Perce County Airport Authority Board, specifically the United Airlines performance at the Special City Council Work Session during the first week of September. Council President Kleeburg seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Council President Kleeburg moved and Councilor Liedkie seconded, respectively, to adjourn the August 19, 2024 Special Meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.




Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk