

March 6, 2023

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. Council President Liedkie called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Liedkie; Councilor Forsmann (via Zoom); Councilor Kleeburg; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Tousley; Councilor Spickelmire (via Zoom 4:00 pm)

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mayor Johnson;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Liedkie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ken Krahn said he missed the discussion regarding the Burrell Ave and 10th Street mini roundabout at the February 13th meeting because the meeting was not published in the Tribune. He questioned if it was a breach of the open meeting law. Mr. Krahn also spoke to the location of the Fire Station, property taxes, and questioned where the money from the water rate increase went from several years ago.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

A. RESOLUTION 2023-18

Parks & Recreation Director Barker (via Zoom) explained that Rettig Park is in the ownership of Nez Perce County and will be used for another purpose related to access to the new courthouse building. The Parks and Recreation Department has an interest in repurposing the bricks that made up a majority of the park area and approached the County to inquire about the use of the bricks. The Board of Nez Perce County Commissioners declared the pavers as surplus property through the approval of Resolution 2023-02-032 with the understanding that Parks and Recreation would remove the needed pavers offsite prior to construction taking place for the courthouse.

Councilors Kleeburg and Tousley moved and seconded, respectively, approval of Resolution 2023-18. ROLL CALL: VOTING AYE: *Liedkie; Kleeburg; Schroeder; Forsmann; Tousley*. VOTING NAY: *None*. EXCUSED: *Spickelmire*

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. BOLLINGER BUILDING UPDATE

Don Brigham, representative of Save the Bollinger Foundation, provided an update on the Bollinger Building and introduced Eric Hasenoehrl to speak to Council regarding the building's structure. Eric Hasenoehrl, Keltic Engineering, provided an inspection report on the Bollinger building, as well as the current damage and techniques available to restore/maintain the building. Continuing, Mr. Brigham explained that it was difficult to form plans and raise money when the building is condemned. He further explained that Council has several choices related to the building and that the Councilors could write a letter requesting City of Lewiston Building Official John Smith review the building and remove the condemnation order.

Building Official Smith explained that when a building is labeled as condemned, it means the building is so unsafe that it needs to be demolished, made safe or fully repaired. Currently, the Bollinger can be considered unsafe because the damaged truss has been stabilized and the building is closed to the public but, if the original problems that caused the rotting truss are not addressed, the building could end up going back to condemned.

Councilors discussed the conditions of the building and questioned if any funds have been raised from the Bollinger Foundation. Matt Weibler, member of Save the Bollinger, explained that they have had people offering donations but they are asking them to wait due to the status of the building. Mr. Brigham further explained that the role of the Save the Bollinger Foundation was not to take over the building but to save the building or find someone else to save it.

After further discussion, Councilor Tousley moved to direct staff to investigate whether the Bollinger can be moved from condemned to unsafe and report back to Council in six months. Councilor Schroeder seconded.

Council President Liedkie offered a friendly amendment to change the timeline from six months to 90 days. Councilors Tousley and Schroeder accepted the friendly amendment and the motion to direct staff to investigate whether the Bollinger can be moved from condemned to unsafe and report back to Council in 90 days carried 5-0.

B. CITY OF LEWISTON FACILITIES

Parks & Recreation Facilities Supervisor Warren provided a detailed overview of the facility maintenance, including each separate building and its needs. All the needs are currently estimated at \$10,065,770 with most needing to be taken care of within the next few years. Ms.

Warren explained that she could save approximately \$1,714,000 if another facilities maintenance staff person was hired.

Councilor Spickelmire joined via Zoom approximately around 4:00 pm.

Councilors expressed appreciation for Ms. Warren's thorough report on the facilities and asked if Parks and Recreation could create a pro and con report of the facilities and recommendations on options at a future work session.

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Kleeburg encouraged Councilors to attend the MPO meeting at 4:15 pm, after the Special Work Session at 3 pm on March 9th.

Councilor Spickelmire invited anyone to join his family on a spring cleaning of Thain Grade on Sunday morning.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

None.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

None.

D. ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

E. AGENDA TOPICS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Liedkie and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively adjournment of the March 6, 2023, Work Session at approximately 5:05 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.