

October 24, 2024

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Meeting in the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Council President Kleeburg; Councilor Forsmann (4:04 p.m.); Councilor Klein (Zoom); Councilor Liedkie; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tami Myers, a resident of Lewiston, spoke in support of a service agreement between the City of Lewiston and Beautiful Downtown Lewiston, and the "Reimagine Downtown Lewiston" project.

Katie Seekins, a resident of Lewiston, spoke in support of the United Airlines Minimum Revenue Guarantee.

Ann Watkins, a resident of Clarkston and business owner in Lewiston, spoke in support of a service agreement between the City of Lewiston and Valley Vision.

Mark Brigham, a resident of Clarkston, spoke in support of a service agreement between the City of Lewiston and Valley Vision.

Nancy MacIntosh, a resident of Lewiston and Executive Director of the Civic Theater, spoke in support of a service agreement between the City of Lewiston and the Civic Theater.

Sue Brown, a resident of Lewiston, spoke in support of a service agreement between the City of Lewiston and Valley Vision.

Jon Evans, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club, spoke in support of a service agreement between the City of Lewiston and the Boys & Girls Club.

Mike Tatko, a resident of Lewiston, encouraged the Council to support service agreements with Valley Vision and the Boys & Girls Club.

Gary Peters, spoke in support of a service agreement with Valley Vision and encouraged Councilors to support the United Airlines Minimum Revenue Guarantee.

IV. **ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. **FY'25 SERVICES AGREEMENT - VALLEY VISION, INC.:** Considering approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Services Agreement between the City of Lewiston and Valley Vision, Inc. - Action Item

City Attorney Tengono reminded Council members to disclose any potential conflicts of interest. Councilor Liedkie disclosed her position on the board of Valley Vision, clarified that she does not receive any financial gain from the position, and stated her intention to vote on the matter.

Council President Kleeburg explained the service agreements were tabled as the Council did not have enough information on why the budget amount for the contracts changed from \$118,000 to \$88,000.

Councilor Liedkie clarified that, in her original motion during the August 26, 2024, budget meeting, her intent was to remove Beautiful Downtown Lewiston's allocated amount of \$30,000 from the budget. She expressed that her reasoning was based on the absence of a report demonstrating notable accomplishments and the belief that funding should support measurable services rather than personnel.

Councilors Spickelmire and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to pay Valley Vision, Inc. up to \$40,000 for services. The motion passed 6-0.

*Councilors Spickelmire and Liedkie moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Services Agreement between the City of Lewiston and Valley Vision, Inc. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Schroeder; Spickelmire; Forsmann; Liedkie; Klein.***

- B. **FY'25 SERVICES AGREEMENT - BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE LEWIS CLARK VALLEY, INC.:** Considering approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Services Agreement between the City of Lewiston and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley, Inc. - Action Item

Councilors Forsmann and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to pay Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley, Inc. up to \$18,000 for services provided. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Liedkie voting against.

*Councilors Forsmann and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Services Agreement between the City of Lewiston and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley, Inc. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Schroeder; Spickelmire; Forsmann; Klein. VOTING NAY: Liedkie.***

- C. FY'25 SERVICES AGREEMENT - LEWISTON CIVIC THEATER, INC.:** Considering approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Services Agreement between the City of Lewiston and Lewiston Civic Theater, Inc. - Action Item

Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to pay Lewiston Civic Theater, Inc. up to \$30,000 for services provided. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Liedkie voting against.

*Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Services Agreement between the City of Lewiston and Lewiston Civic Theater, Inc. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Schroeder; Spickelmire; Forsmann; Klein. VOTING NAY: Liedkie.***

- D. FY'25 SERVICES AGREEMENT - BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN LEWISTON REVITALIZATION CORPORATION:** Considering approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Services Agreement between the City of Lewiston and Beautiful Downtown Lewiston Revitalization Corporation - Action Item

After discussion and the understanding that the item could be reconsidered in the future, no action was taken on this matter.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

- A. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LEWISTON, ASOTIN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, AND CITY OF ASOTIN:** Overview and discussion on the renewal of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement for the provision of ambulance services to the Asotin County Fire Protection District No. 1 and the City of Asotin by the Lewiston Fire Department, including staffing, funding sources, and related information to inform decision-making for the next contract term

Fire Chief Rightmire provided an overview of the City's agreements with Asotin County and the City of Asotin regarding fire protection services. He explained that the next steps include renewing the contract, which expired on September 30, 2024, and that it will be placed on a future Council agenda.

- B. PROPOSED MAIN STREET BOND:** Discussion on the proposed Main Street Bond, which will be presented to voters in the upcoming May or November election

Public Works Director Johnson informed Council about the concept design process and schedule, and then explained the benefits of a bond, which would allow the project to be completed all at once, instead of in multiple projects.

- C. UNITED AIRLINES AIR SERVICE MINIMUM REVENUE GUARANTEE (MRG):** Discussion on the request from the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport Authority Board for a special meeting regarding United Airlines, Inc. request for a Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) for the 2025 fiscal year

Airport Director Mike Isaacs provided a recap of the United Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) request of \$4.9 million for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025. Following Mr. Isaacs presentation, Airport Authority Board Chair Gary Peters expressed the importance of the airport, while Airport Authority Board member Joe Gish encouraged support of funding the MRG.

City Attorney Tengono advised the Council to consider state constitutional provisions, federal regulations, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant assurances and obligations in their decision-making.

Mayor Johnson noted they would take City Attorney Tengono's advisement into consideration and moved on to the next agenda item.

VI. 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 expressed appreciation to all those in attendance at the meeting.

- B. MAYOR COMMENTS**

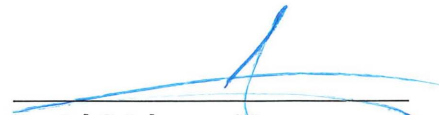
Mayor Johnson congratulated Heidi Cornell on her recognition as Teacher of the Year and extended thanks to all teachers working in the Lewiston schools. He then congratulated the Nez Perce Tribe on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the soon-to-open Aht'Wy Interchange Bridge.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Liedkie and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the October 24, 2024 Special Meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.




Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor

City Council
☒ **APPROVED**
11/25/2024