

January 6, 2025

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 Schroeder; .

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Councilor Spickelmire.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Alan Brown, a resident of Lewiston, addressed the Council regarding his application for the City Council vacancy.

Linda Glines, a Lewiston resident, addressed the Council regarding her application for the City Council vacancy.

Matt Wright, a Lewiston resident, addressed the Council regarding his application for the City Council vacancy.

Bob Blakey, a Lewiston resident, addressed the Council regarding his application for the City Council vacancy.

Douglas Wilson, a Lewiston resident, addressed the Council regarding his application for the City Council vacancy.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. ZNC24-4 REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION:** Considering whether to affirm, reverse, or modify, City Council's decision on the Application for Zone Change by Chris Clark to rezone the east forty-three feet (approximately) of 132 Thain Road from Community Commercial (C-3) to Medium Density Residential (R-3), pursuant to Lewiston City Code § 37-185(b) - Action Item

City Attorney Tengono provided a brief procedural background on the Request

for Reconsideration of Zone Change 24-4 submitted by Chris Clark. Ms. Tengono summarized that on November 25, 2024, the City Council denied the zone change application (ZNC24-4) for 132 Thain Road and directed staff to draft a reasoned statement. On December 9, 2024, the Council adopted the statement, formally denying the application and, on December 15, 2024, the applicant submitted a Request for Reconsideration to the City Clerk's office.

City Attorney Tengono recommended that the City Council carefully review the record and thoroughly consider each relevant criteria and standard outlined in Lewiston City Code § 37-180.1. Ms. Tengono also noted that Councilor Schroeder remains recused from the discussion and decision due to a conflict of interest.

After discussion, Council President Kleeburg moved, and Councilor Forsmann seconded, to direct staff to draft a written statement reversing the City Council's decision to deny ZNC24-4 and incorporating the Planning and Zoning Commission's reasoned statement recommendation. The motion passed 3-0.

- B. 2025 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN:** Considering approving the 2025 Nez Perce County Emergency Operations Plan and authorizing the Mayor to sign the plan - Action Item (Emergency Management Coordinator Wooderchak)

After Emergency Manager Wooderchak presented an overview of the 2025 Emergency Operations Plan, Councilor Forsmann moved, and Councilor Schroeder seconded, to approve the plan and authorize the Mayor to sign it. The motion passed 4-0.

- C. CITY COUNCIL VACANCY NOMINATION:** Considering applications for the City Council vacancy, and Mayor Johnson's potential nomination to fill the vacancy through December 2025 - Action Item

Mayor Johnson explained that he would be nominating three candidates, Robert (Mike) Lorenz, Matthew Wright, and Douglas Wilson.

Mayor Johnson nominated Robert (Mike) Lorenz to fill the vacancy through December 2025 and Council President Kleeburg seconded. The motion failed 2-2 with Councilors Schroeder and Klein opposed.

Mayor Johnson then nominated Matthew Wright to fill the vacancy through December 2025. Councilor Klein seconded and the motion passed 3-1 with Council President Kleeburg opposed.

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. AMENDED ORDINANCE 4921:** Discussion and direction to staff on the proposed amended shipping container ordinance before referring it to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its recommendation - Action Item

No discussion.

- B. ANNEXATION OF CCI/SPEER PROPERTIES ON SNAKE RIVER AVENUE AND SOUTHPORT AVENUE:** Discussion led by Councilor Klein on potential annexation of CCI/SPEER properties, including tax revenue and budget impacts to the City of Lewiston - Action Item

Councilor Klein spoke to her request to consider annexing the CCI/SPEER properties into the City. The Council discussed the potential impact on the budget and general fund, with some questioning the advantages of annexation.

- C. 5TH STREET AND BRYDEN AVENUE PROPERTY:** Discussion led by Councilor Klein on whether to auction city property at 5th Street and Bryden Avenue - Action Item

Councilor Klein expressed concerns about the underutilized property at 5th Street and Bryden Avenue and inquired whether the Council wished to explore potential options. Originally intended for a fire station, the project was delayed due to rising costs. After discussion, the Council agreed to keep the matter on a future agenda for further consideration.

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 Klein suggested that people consider using dash cams to address aggressive driving, as they help hold individuals accountable.

Councilor Forsmann thanked the candidates who attended and encouraged them to run in the upcoming election.

- B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**

Mayor Johnson explained his process for meeting with Board and Commission

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applicants before placing them on the agenda for consideration. He also encouraged Councilors to use the Board and Commission Liaison Updates section of the agenda to share updates with the rest of the Council.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson thanked the candidates for their involvement and expressed his encouragement at the number of applicants. He also urged them to consider running for election.

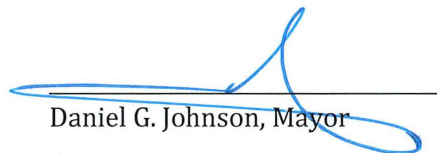
D. AGENDA TOPICS: Action Item

VII. 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 January 6, 2025 Work Session. The motion carried 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.




Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


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