

March 3, 2025

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. 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; Councilor Spickelmire; Councilor Wright.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT BADGE PINNING: Promoting Corporal Josh Arnzen to the rank of Sergeant (Police Chief Kuzik)

Police Chief Jason Kuzik spoke regarding Sergeant Arnzen's accomplishments, after which City Clerk Tanya Brocke administered the oath of office. Sergeant Arnzen's family then pinned his badge.

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. MAIN STREET BOND PROPOSAL: Discussion and direction on a potential bond proposal for Main Street infrastructure improvements - Action Item

Public Works Director Dustin Johnson explained that the project aims to combine resources into a single large effort to minimize downtown disruption. The discussion focused on whether the Council would proceed with a public vote, determine the bond amount, and decide on its terms (20 or 30 years).

Council discussed the proposed bond to fund infrastructure improvements on Main Street, including water, wastewater, stormwater, fiber, sidewalk vaults, and street updates. Councilors emphasized the need for transparency, public education, and holding an open house to ensure voters have clear and accurate information.

Councilors Wright and Klein moved and seconded, respectively, that the city proceed with a public vote for a bond for infrastructure improvements to Main Street, in an amount not to exceed 25 million and not to exceed a 30-year term.

After Councilor Spickelmire confirmed that the language being voted on would be used for a bond ordinance scheduled for Council consideration at the March 10, 2025 Regular meeting, the motion carried 6-0.

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.

None.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

Council President Kleeburg provided an update on the Special Urban Renewal Agency meeting that was held on February 25, 2025.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson encouraged applications for the vacancies on the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions, congratulated Sergeant Arnzen on his promotion, and thanked the Council for their time and commitment.

D. AGENDA TOPICS: Action Item

Councilor Wright asked about adding Fenton Gym to a future agenda for discussion. Councilor Spickelmire noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission is currently reviewing the topic and will bring a proposal to present to Council at a later meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Schroeder and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the March 3, 2025 Work Session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.



Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor

