

June 23, 2025

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Meeting – Budget Session #3 in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Bell Building at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Dan Johnson; Councilor Kasee Forsmann; Councilor Jessica Klein; Councilor Kathy Schroeder; Councilor John Spickelmire; Councilor Matt Wright.

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Council President Jim Kleeburg;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

The meeting was briefly paused to accommodate a member of the public with hearing impairment; the individual did not arrive during the pause and did not provide comment.

While waiting, Mayor Johnson introduced the new Parks and Recreation Director, Justin Glenn, to the Council, noting that a formal introduction would take place later that evening during the Regular Meeting.

IV. BUDGET ITEMS

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

A. FUNDING THE BUDGET - REVENUES: - Action Item

Finance Director Aimee Gordon provided an overview of the City’s property tax-supported funds, including capital, transportation, cemetery, public transit, and library. She discussed revenue sources, fund balances, and ongoing transportation challenges due to the loss of road and bridge levy funds. Ms. Gordon also reviewed general fund revenues, unassigned reserves, and noted that the preliminary FY26 budget includes a projected 90 days of cash on hand.

She concluded by outlining the next steps for finalizing the budget and encouraged the Council to submit funding preferences as soon as possible and to reach out with any questions.

V. BUDGET DISCUSSION

This is an opportunity for Councilors to ask questions, have discussions and provide direction to staff related to the fiscal year 2026 budget – Action Item

Councilor Spickelmire mentioned concern about the amount of funding set aside for the Warner/Thain project, noting it did not appear to have Council support. He also questioned funding for the Main Street project following the failed bond initiative.

Councilor Klein asked Public Works Director Dustin Johnson about bringing a preliminary design for the Thain Corridor back to Council. Public Works Director Johnson stated the intent is to revisit the Thain Corridor Study after the budget is finalized.

Councilor Forsmann raised concerns about public confusion related to project funding and available reserves. She also inquired about legislative impacts, forgone taxes and franchise fees.

Finance Director Gordon indicated she would follow up with additional information regarding forgone taxes.

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 shared that she met with the Mayor to discuss the budget and found it very helpful. She encouraged other Councilors to do the same.

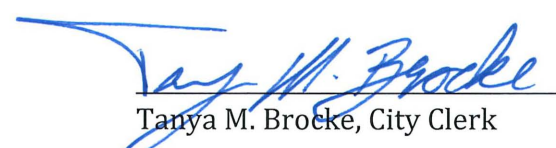
B. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson asked Councilors to introduce themselves to the new Parks & Recreation Director, Justin Glenn.

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 June 23, 2025 Special Meeting - Budget Session #3. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.


Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


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