

August 4, 2025

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met for a Work Session in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Bell Building at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ken Krahn, a Lewiston resident, encouraged budgeting funds to redo Bryden Avenue, voiced concerns about Union Gospel Mission being located on Snake River Avenue, requested an audit of the Parks and Recreation Department, and questioned the meter fee.

IV. 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 UPDATE AND COUNCIL DIRECTION: Presentation of Main Street bond survey results followed by a discussion to obtain Council direction on potential next steps - Action Item (Public Works Director Johnson)

Public Works Director Dustin Johnson introduced Christine Stoll with Clearwater Financial, who reviewed survey feedback, election results, and recommendations related to the proposed project. Stoll outlined suggested adjustments, including more accessible public education and clarification of funding responsibilities. Mr. Johnson provided updates on changes since the prior vote, including the Idaho Transportation Department’s partial financial participation, removal of roundabouts, and reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds to other downtown water line replacements. Council discussed the timeline and expressed general support for placing the measure on the November ballot, with continued public outreach.

B. ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

1. DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION: Considering appointing Jolene Cliffe to a three (3) year term on the Disability Advisory Commission - Action Item

Mayor Johnson moved to appoint Jolene Cliffe to a three-year term on the

Disability Advisory Commission. Councilor Schroeder seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2025-25:** Reconsidering approving a Cooperative Agreement for Mutual Assistance between the City of Lewiston and the State Forester, Idaho Department of Lands, State of Idaho; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement - Action Item (Fire Chief Rightmier)

Mayor Johnson explained the item was previously presented to the City Council on June 9, 2025, but the motion failed for lack of a majority. Following that meeting, Fire Chief Rightmier met with Councilor Wright to provide additional information, after which Councilor Wright requested the resolution be placed on a future agenda for reconsideration.

Fire Chief Rightmier reviewed mutual aid goals, available options, and next steps for agreements with regional agencies. Council discussed resource availability, decision-making processes, and the benefits of having agreements in place. After discussion, Councilors Wright and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2025-25. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Spickelmire; Wright; Schroeder; Klein; Forsmann.***

- D. **2025 ELECTION PROCESS:** Brief overview of the 2025 election process, including key deadlines, candidate filing requirements, and the City Clerk's role in the election process (City Clerk Brocke)

City Clerk Tanya Brocke provided an overview of the 2025 election process, noting the availability of candidate packets and the filing deadline of August 29, 2025.

- E. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 4953:** Considering amending Sections 2-12(a) and 2-22(a) of the Lewiston City Code regarding the Mayor and City Councilors' compensation - Action Item

Council discussed mayor and council compensation, with differing views on maintaining current pay, adjusting in preparation for a possible city administrator position, and the budgetary implications of such changes. After discussion, Council President Kleeburg moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4953, setting the Mayor's compensation at \$90,000, Council President's compensation at \$800, and Council's compensation at \$720. Councilor Schroeder seconded the motion, and the motion passed 4-2 with Councilors Spickelmire and Forsmann opposed.

ORDINANCE 4953: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON AMENDING SECTIONS 2-12(a) AND 2-22(a) OF THE LEWISTON CITY CODE REGARDING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILORS' COMPENSATION, RESPECTIVELY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

V. 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 extended condolences to the family of Adam Anson following his passing in a drowning accident.

Council President Kleeburg remarked on the tragedy and emphasized the importance of wearing life jackets while on the water.

Councilor Wright shared about huckleberry picking over the weekend and encouraged those interested to participate.

- B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilor Forsmann and Council President Kleeburg shared updates regarding their assigned Boards and Commissions.

- C. MAYOR COMMENTS**

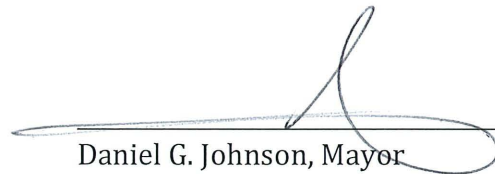
Mayor Johnson noted he would be giving a welcome speech at the Treasurer's Conference on August 5, 2025 in Lewiston.

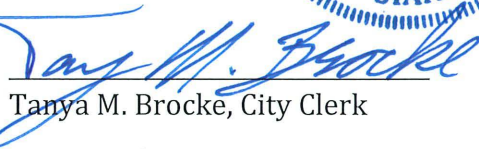
- D. AGENDA TOPICS:** - Action Item

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the August 4, 2025 Work Session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.




Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

