August 18, 2025

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Meeting in the Second Floor Activity Room of the Lewiston Library at 411 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

John (no last name provided), a Lewiston resident, encouraged the City Council to find a better solution instead of raising fees and taxes, as well as addressing Bryden Canyon.

Margaret McVicker, Lewiston resident, expressed concern about the city's ability to sustain its expenses with existing revenues and about the Nez Perce Tribe not honoring its 1999 agreement with the city regarding a sewage treatment facility.

Everett Everett, a Lewiston resident, expressed concern regarding an alcohol-drug rehabilitation center that is being located on Grelle Drive.

Becky Cawley, Lewiston resident, expressed concern that residents in the Grelle Drive neighborhood were not notified about the facility and also commented on the high taxes in the city.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. ORDINANCES

1. FIRST READING

a. **ORDINANCE 4955:** Considering ordering a special bond election to be held on the question of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the city in an amount not to exceed $22,540,000 for the purpose of constructing improvements to wastewater, water, stormwater and road infrastructure and related improvements and costs; establishing the date and time of the special bond election; approving a form of ballot; providing for registration of voters; and providing for related matters - Action Item (Public Works Director Johnson)

Councilor Schroeder and Council President Kleeburg moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4955 by title only. The motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE 4955: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO, ORDERING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $22,540,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS TO WASTEWATER, WATER, STORMWATER AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND COSTS; ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION; APPROVING A FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS; PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

2. SECOND READINGS

a. ORDINANCE 4952: Considering amending Ordinance 4923, the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, appropriating additional monies that are to be received in the sum of $11,103,220 - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilor Schroeder and Council President Kleeburg moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4952. The motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE 4952: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4923, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONIES THAT ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO IN THE SUM OF ELEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS ($11,103,220); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

b. ORDINANCE 4950: To be termed the "2026 Annual Appropriation Ordinance," considering appropriating sums of money authorized by law and deemed necessary for all general and special municipal purposes of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilors Schroeder and Wright moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4950.

Councilor Spickelmire moved to increase the funding for Valley Vision's FY26 Service Contract from $40,000 to $50,000 by decreasing the Contingency Fund by $10,000 and increasing the Legislative Fund by $10,000. Councilor Wright seconded. The motion passed 5-1, with Council President Kleeburg opposed.

Council President Kleeburg moved to amend Ordinance 4950 by approving two new police officers and three patrol cars. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilor Klein moved to amend Ordinance 4950 by reducing the police protection line item from $10,388,450 to $10,101,980. Council President Kleeburg seconded for discussion. The motion failed 2-4 with Councilors Schroeder, Wright, Forsmann, and Spickelmire opposed.

There being no further amendments, the main motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4950 passed 5-1 with Councilor Klein opposed.

ORDINANCE 4950: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, TO BE TERMED THE "2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE," APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND DEEMED NECESSARY FOR ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

c. **ORDINANCE 4951:** Considering fixing and establishing the tax certification on all taxable properties situated within the corporate limits of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, for the purpose of providing and raising monies for municipal and corporate purposes; providing for certification to the Board of County Commissioners of Nez Perce County in the amount of $25,004,250; providing a certified copy of the 2026 Annual Appropriation Ordinance to the Board of County Commissioners of Nez Perce County, Idaho as adopted by the City of Lewiston for the 2025-2026 fiscal year - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilors Schroeder and Wright moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 4951. The motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE 4951: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX CERTIFICATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND RAISING MONIES FOR MUNICIPAL AND CORPORATE PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE TAX CERTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FIVE MILLION FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($25,004,250); PROVIDING A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE 2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO, AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF LEWISTON FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS: - Action Item

Councilor Forsmann expressed her support for the main street bond.

B. MAYOR COMMENTS: - Action Item

Mayor Johnson shared that a couple of businesses have expressed interest in Lewiston and that he had asked Jerry Chavez with Valley Vision to assist in pursuing those leads. He thanked Mr. Chavez for his availability and support.

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 18, 2025 Special Meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor

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Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

Approved
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