

August 25, 2025

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met for a Regular 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; Councilor Kasse Forsmann; Councilor Jessica Klein; Councilor Kathy Schroeder; Councilor John Spickelmire; Councilor Matt Wright.

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Council President Jim Kleeburg.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by children of Lewiston firefighters and police officers.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Douglas Kenyon, a Lewiston resident, expressed concern regarding the approved reasonable accommodation request for a drug and alcohol recovery center at 916 Grelle Avenue.

Jerry Chavez, President/CEO of Valley Vision and Lewiston resident, thanked the Council for their support and provided a summary of recent accomplishments.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) FIRST RESPONDER AWARDS: Presentation of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) First Responder Awards - Action Item (Fire Chief Rightmire)

The Veterans of Foreign Wars presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Brian Burke, the Paramedic of the Year award to Chris Jones, the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award to Matt Anderson, and the Dispatcher of the Year award to Sarah Showers.

B. AMERICAN LEGION'S FIRST RESPONDER AWARDS: Presentation of the National Firefighter of the Year and National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards - Action Item (Fire Chief Rightmire)

The American Legion presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Richie Lucas, the Paramedic of the Year award to Jonathan Sells, and the Police Officer of the Year award to Nick Eylar.

- C. **JULY FINANCIAL REPORT:** Financial report for July 2025, in accordance with Idaho Code 50-208 - No oral report - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

The July Financial Report was included in the Council packet and no oral report was provided.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Johnson explained that all items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these issues unless a Councilor so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered on the Active Agenda under "Items Moved from the Consent Agenda".

Councilor Forsmann requested that Voucher's Payable be moved to Agenda Item VIII.

Councilors Forsmann and Schroeder then moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None. EXCUSED: Kleeburg.***

- A. **ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES:** Accepting the minutes of the 7/23/2025 Planning & Zoning Commission; and 6/5/2025 Historic Preservation Commission meetings - Action Item

VI. **ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. **ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

1. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Considering appointing Robert (Bob) Rogers to a three (3) year term - Action Item

Mayor Johnson moved to approve the appointment of Robert (Bob) Rogers to a three-year term on the Audit Committee. Councilor Forsmann seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

2. **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Considering reappointing Jessica Granger to a three (3) year term beginning September 12, 2025 (end of her current term) - Action Item

Mayor Johnson moved to approve the reappointment of Jessica Grainger to a three-year term on the Disability Advisory Commission beginning on September 12, 2025. Councilor Forsmann seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

3. **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Considering appointing Christine Steen and Thomas King to three (3) year terms -

Action Item

Mayor Johnson moved to approve the appointment of Christine Steen to a three-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Councilor Forsmann seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Johnson then moved to approve the appointment of Thomas King to a three-year term on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Councilor Forsmann seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

4. **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:** Considering appointing Zachary Battles to a four (4) year term beginning October 11, 2025 - Action Item

Mayor Johnson moved to approve the appointment of Zachary Battles to a four-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission beginning October 11, 2025. Councilor Schroeder seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2025-34:** Considering repealing and replacing the City of Lewiston's Purchasing Policy - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilors Schroeder and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2025-34. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Wright; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: Forsmann. EXCUSED: Kleeburg.**

- C. **RESOLUTION 2025-38:** Considering approving the "Palisades and Southport Study Addendum to 2019 Water System Facility Plan" authored by Merrick & Company and dated May 2025 - Action Item (Public Works Director Johnson)

Councilors Schroeder and Wright moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2025-38. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None. EXCUSED: Kleeburg.**

D. **ORDINANCES**

1. **SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

- 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)

Councilors Schroeder and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to dispense with the requirement that an ordinance be read on three different days and to combine the second and third readings. The motion passed 5-0.

Councilors Schroeder and Forsmann then moved and seconded, respectively, to waive the third reading in full of Ordinance 4955 and approve the reading of Ordinance 4955 by title only. The motion passed 5-0.

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. THIRD 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)

Councilors Schroeder and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to waive the third reading in full of Ordinance 4952 and approve the reading by title only. The motion passed 5-0.

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 Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to waive the third reading in full of Ordinance 4950 and approve the reading by title only. The motion passed 5-0.

Following a motion to reconsider under agenda Item VI. D. 2. c., Councilors Forsmann and Klein moved and seconded, respectively, to waive the third reading in full of Ordinance 4950 and approve the reading by title only.

Councilor Wright asked about the reductions needed to prevent a property tax increase. Finance Director Gordon explained that the proposed budget includes \$212,769 in forgone taxes, which could change with ordinance amendments but would still result in an increase. She added that approximately \$965,000 would need to be reduced from the budget to avoid any increase.

Mayor Johnson called Council to "stand at ease" at 6:57 p.m. to allow Councilor Wright time to review his numbers for his amendment. Mayor Johnson reconvened Council at 7:06 p.m.

Councilor Wright moved to amend Ordinance 4950 to remove funding of \$95,490 from the police protection fund for one new police officer position, and to reduce the fleet services capital rates across all departments by an equal percentage totaling \$116,579, for an overall reduction of \$212,769. Councilor Klein seconded the motion but questioned if the intent was to take forgone in the amount of \$700. Councilor Wright indicated it was not and that he would need to correct the motion. Upon vote, the motion failed 0-5, with Councilors Wright, Forsmann, Schroeder, Klein, and Spickelmire opposed.

Mayor Johnson called Council to "stand at ease" at 7:11 p.m., and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

Councilor Wright moved to amend Ordinance 4950 to remove funding of \$95,490 from the police protection fund for one new police officer position, and to reduce the fleet services capital rates across all departments by an equal percentage totaling \$117,279, for an overall reduction of \$212,769. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion failed 2-3 with Councilors Forsmann, Schroeder, and Spickelmire opposed.

There being no further amendments, the main motion failed 3-2 with Councilors Wright and Klein opposed. Mayor Johnson explained that four votes are required for the motion to pass.

Councilors Schroeder and Forsmann then moved and seconded, respectively, to waive the third reading in full of Ordinance 4950 and approve the reading by title only. The motion passed 5-0.

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 Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to waive the third reading in full of Ordinance 4951 and approve the reading by title only.

Councilor Wright questioned if now was the time to amend budget ordinance 4950. In order to confer with City Attorney Tengono, Mayor Johnson called Council to "stand at ease" at 6:41 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Councilor Wright made a motion to reconsider the third reading of ordinance 4950, pursuant to Lewiston City Code 2-26(J)(4). Councilor Forsmann seconded. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Wright; Forsmann; Klein. VOTING NAY: Schroeder; Spickelmire. EXCUSED: Kleeburg.**

City Attorney Tengono explained that a motion to reconsider must be made before the meeting ends or before an ordinance takes effect. The motion has to come from a councilor who voted with the majority, be seconded by another councilor, and pass by majority vote. She noted that the motion is debatable, takes priority over other motions, and once it is resolved, the Council will return to the pending motion on

Ordinance 4951. Therefore, the City Council would go back to the third reading of Ordinance 4950 (see item VI. D. 2. b. for the reconsideration actions).

After the reconsideration was completed, Council returned to the motion, which passed 5-0.

Mayor Johnson called Council to "stand at ease" at 7:32 p.m. and reconvened at 7:33 p.m. to clarify the ordinance amount, as there was a typo in the amount on the agenda description.

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.

3. **ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE SUMMARIES**

a. **ORDINANCE 4955:** Action Item

Councilors Schroeder and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to adopt Ordinance 4955 and approve the related ordinance summary. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None. EXCUSED: Kleeburg.***

4. **ADOPTION**

Councilors Schroeder and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to adopt Ordinances 4950, 4951, and 4952. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None. EXCUSED: Kleeburg.***

a. **ORDINANCE 4952:** Action Item

b. **ORDINANCE 4950**: Action Item

c. **ORDINANCE 4951**: Action Item

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING: FORGONE TAXES:** Accepting testimony on the consideration of utilizing a portion of forgone taxes in the amount of \$241,295 for maintenance and operations purposes, and consideration of accruing forgone tax (i.e., reserving the right to recover forgone tax) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

Mayor Johnson introduced and opened the public hearing on the consideration of utilizing a portion of forgone taxes in the amount of \$241,295 for maintenance and operations purposes, and consideration of accruing forgone tax for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

Finance Director Gordon explained that Idaho law allows the City to set aside property taxes it didn't collect in prior years ("forgone taxes") and use them in a future budget. Because the City did not raise property taxes in the last several years, forgone taxes were available to use. The FY26 budget includes \$212,769 in forgone taxes. This amount is lower than what was published in the public hearing notice because updated numbers were received after the notice went out. To move forward, Council would need to approve Resolution 2025-36 with the updated amount.

Mayor Johnson asked for public testimony.

Travis Mason, a Lewiston resident, asked for clarification on the amount and whether it would increase taxes. He expressed concern about higher taxes, noting that while the City has balanced the budget well in past years, additional taxes combined with a proposed bond in November may impact public trust.

Linda Mulalley, a Lewiston resident, questioned whether other areas of the budget could be reduced instead and asked about potential funding from the community park project. She also asked if planned roundabouts would still proceed if the bond passes, urging the Council to consider the impact of raising taxes further.

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

- B. RESOLUTION 2025-35:** Considering whether to reserve some or all of the current year's allowable forgone amount for potential use in subsequent years, pursuant to Idaho Code § 63-802(1)(f) - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

Mayor Johnson noted that Resolution 2025-35 would not be acted on, as it related to reserving the current year's allowable forgone taxes. Instead, Council chose to use this year's forgone taxes in the budget.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2025-36:** Considering certifying \$241,295 of forgone taxes to be budgeted by the City of Lewiston for fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of maintenance and operations pursuant to Idaho Code § 63-802(1)(e)(ii) - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilors Schroeder and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2025-36 as amended from \$241,295 to \$212,769. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None. EXCUSED: Kleeburg.**

VIII. ITEMS MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - Action Item

- B. **VOUCHER'S PAYABLE:** Considering approval of the Voucher's Payable dated 7/25/2025 - 8/07/2025 in the amount of \$1,837,167.63 - Action Item

Councilor Forsmann asked about a \$140 refund on page 9 of the vouchers payable, listed under transportation for the LCV Down and Dirty Fun Run. Staff explained it was a miscellaneous customer refund for a public assembly application that was either withdrawn or overpaid.

Councilors Forsmann and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to approve the Voucher's Payable. **ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None. EXCUSED: Kleeburg.**

IX. 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 wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day.

- B. **CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilors Klein, Wright and Schroeder shared updates regarding their assigned Boards and Commissions.

- C. **MAYOR COMMENTS**

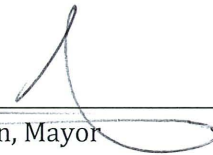
Mayor Johnson thanked Finance staff for their work on the budget. He also recognized Bob Rogers, who was appointed to the Audit Committee and attended the meeting, noting his appreciation for Mr. Rogers' service and the knowledge he will bring to the role.

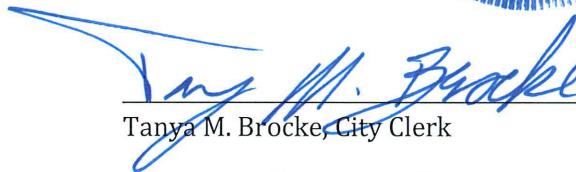
D. AGENDA TOPICS: - Action Item

X. 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 August 25, 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.




Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

