September 8, 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; Council President Jim Kleeburg; Councilor Kassee 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

Jacqueline Forsmann, a Lewiston resident, spoke in opposition to Resolution 2025-40, the City/Lewis-Clark State College parking agreement.

Due to a thunderstorm causing technical issues, Mayor Johnson called the Council to "stand at ease" at 6:03 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Trent Morgan, a Lewiston resident, spoke in opposition to Resolution 2025-40, citing duplicative taxation for Nez Perce County residents and suggesting the resolution be amended to exclude them.

Kathy Johnson, a Lewiston resident, spoke in opposition to Resolution 2025-40 and questioned why residents were not notified of the program.

Marissa Bell, a student at Lewis-Clark State College, spoke in support of Resolution 2025-40.

Matt Ivans, a Lewiston resident, expressed concern about street maintenance and weeds affecting the city's appearance.

Mark Edelblute, a Lewiston resident, noted that Bert Lipps Pool needs repairs to provide a place for children during the summer.

Bob Blakey, a Lewiston resident and City Council candidate, commented on a past parking permit system.

Brennon Leafty, a Lewiston resident and City Council candidate, encouraged citizens to reach out to him.

Celeste Ellis, a Lewiston resident, reiterated Mr. Morgan's comments and encouraged Council to review Resolution 2025-40 further.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. **CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23, 2025 as Constitution Week and presenting the proclamation to Daughters of the American Revolution, Alice Whitman Chapter representative Patty Sprute (Mayor Johnson)

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026:** Accepting public comment on the proposed fees for the Fiscal Year 2026, including proposed fee increases of more than 5% for utilities, solid waste, golf, cemetery, right-of-way, planning, and public records fees - Action Item (Community Development Director Grow)

Mayor Johnson announced the subject of the public hearing, explained the public hearing process, opened the public hearing, and asked for the staff presentation.

Community Development Director Shannon Grow explained the proposal to combine separate fee resolutions into a single, annually updated document for transparency and consistency. While Ms. Grow summarized the schedules related to the proposed fees, Councilors asked clarifying questions. Public Works Director Dustin Johnson then reviewed the schedules for the proposed Public Works Fees, and Utility Fees.

Before moving on to reviewing the schedules for the proposed wastewater, stormwater, and sanitation fee, Mayor Johnson asked for any public testimony.

Mark Edelblute, a Lewiston resident, spoke regarding concerns with water rates and fees, noting that downtown residents felt misled about the use of past bond funding. He questioned who pays for water in public areas, why Clarkston provides water at a lower rate, and what happened to funds originally intended for replacing the water treatment plant.

Bob Blakey, a Lewiston resident, commented on the city's water system, noting that while the water source is abundant, costs are high due to the infrastructure. He recommended clearer reporting on rate changes, and stated that bond repayments should have been prioritized as originally intended.

Charles Bell, a Lewiston resident, questioned statements that Lewiston has the most complicated water system in the West, noting that while the system is old and needs improvements, it is not more complex than systems in other western cities.

Mike Lorenz, a Lewiston resident, suggested fees be reduced or frozen, as the continued rate increases could affect the likelihood of the bond passing.

Mayor Johnson asked Public Works Director Johnson to continue his presentation. After clarifying the complexity of the water system, he reviewed the proposed fees for the wastewater, stormwater, and sanitation. Mr. Johnson concluded his presentation by showing examples of a water bill, as well as providing information on the circuit breaker program. Once Councilor questions were answered, Mayor Johnson asked if there was any additional public testimony.

Trent Morgan, a Lewiston resident, commented that most residents have not seen comparable pay raises, suggested newcomers from California and other areas could help share the burden, and questioned accountability as the community is already paying multiple utility costs.

Travis Meeks, a Lewiston resident, spoke in opposition to the fees.

Matt Ivans, a Lewiston resident, commented that while he does not object to paying taxes, he is concerned about a lack of transparency in how funds are used.

Emails were received from Megan Tunnicliff and Daniel Green expressing their opposition to fee increases.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

B. **RESOLUTION 2025-39:** Considering restating and adopting a fee schedule for services provided and regularly charged by the City of Lewiston, effective October 1, 2025 - Action Item (Community Development Director Grow)

Councilor Schroeder moved to approve Resolution 2025-39. Council President Kleeburg seconded for discussion.

Councilor Wright moved to amend the Planning and Zoning Fees category in Schedule F: Community Development Fees to specify that the "Appeal of Community Development Decision" and "Appeal of Planning and Zoning Commission Decision" fees are equal to the original filing fee, and to provide that 50% of the fee will be refunded if the appeal is decided in favor of the appellant. Councilor Forsmann seconded.

City Attorney Jennifer Tengono explained that the current fee structure for appeals is set by city code and does not allow for refunds based on the outcome. Any refund policy would first require a code amendment to establish the procedure before adjusting the fee. Councilors Wright and Forsmann withdrew their motion and second.

Councilor Klein moved to amend the Water Service Category in Schedule H: Utility Fees (page 23) by increasing the FY2025 Water Consumption rate of $0.035891 per cubic foot by 5% to $0.03768555 for FY2026. Councilor Spickelmire seconded, and the motion passed 5-1, with Councilor Wright opposed.

Councilor Spickelmire moved to amend the Wastewater Service Category in Schedule H: Utility Fees (page 25) by setting the "Single residence, including mobile homes located on individual lots" and "Single residences, including mobile homes located on individual lots — Utility Assistance Program" FY2026 fees at the same rates as FY2025, $52.09 and $39.07, respectively, resulting in no increase. Council President Kleeburg seconded, and the motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Wright opposed.

There being no further amendments, Mayor Johnson called for the vote on the main motion. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire.***

VI. 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".

Councilors Klein and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the Consent Agenda. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire.***

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: Considering approval of the minutes of the following meetings: 8/4/2025 Work Session; 8/11/2025 Regular; 8/11/2025 Executive Session; 8/18/2025 Special; and the 8/25/2025 - Action Item

B. ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES: Accepting the minutes of the following meetings: 5/21/2025 Public Works Advisory Commission; 8/13/2025 Planning and Zoning Commission; and the 7/16/2025 and 7/31/2025 Library Board of Trustees - Action Item

C. **VOUCHER'S PAYABLE:** Considering approval of the Voucher's Payable dated 8/8/2025 - 8/21/2025 in the amount of $3,564,062.39 - Action Item

VII. ACTIVE AGENDA

Councilor Wright moved to amend the Active Agenda by removing Agenda Items VII. B. Deferred Relocation Agreement with Rogers Motors, Inc. and VII. C. Resolution 2025-41. Councilor Spickelmire seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

A. **RESOLUTION 2025-44:** Considering approving a revised City of Lewiston Personnel Policy - Action Item (Human Resources Director Province)

Councilors Spickelmire and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2025-44. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None.***

~~B. **DEFERRED RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH ROGERS MOTORS, INC.:** Consideration of a Deferred Relocation Agreement between the City of Lewiston and Rogers Motors, Inc., regarding the future relocation of a storm drain system currently located beneath the Rogers Motors Toyota showroom and office space, which Rogers Motors intends to expand over the existing system - Action Item (Public Works Director Johnson)~~

~~C. **RESOLUTION 2025-41:** Considering accepting a Public Stormwater Utility and Access Easement from Rogers Motors, Inc. - Action Item (Public Works Director Johnson)~~

D. **RESOLUTION 2025-37:** Considering authorizing the Mayor to sign all applications, funding agreements, and other documents related to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Planning Grant - Action Item (Public Works Director Johnson)

Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2025-37. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None.***

E. **RESOLUTION 2025-43:** Considering declaring various items of City of Lewiston property to be surplus, and providing for the public auction of said surplus property - Action Item (Finance Director Gordon)

Councilors Schroeder and Wright moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2025-43. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire. VOTING NAY: None.***

F. **RESOLUTION 2025-40:** Considering a Parking Agreement between Lewis-Clark State College and the City of Lewiston to establish a parking permit-based parking program along the south side of 7th Avenue, the east side of 6th Street in several areas, a section on the west side of 6th Street across from the President's Home, and a few spots on 8th and 9th Avenues (map attached as Exhibit A to the Parking Agreement). - Action Item (City Attorney Tengono)

City Attorney Tengono reviewed the proposed parking agreement with Lewis-Clark State College, clarifying that enforcement would apply only adjacent to LCSC property, Monday–Friday until 5 p.m., with exceptions for special events. She noted it would not affect residential areas or churches, explained that similar agreements exist in other university towns, and outlined the two-year term with revenue-sharing of 25% in year one and 30% in year two.

Council asked questions regarding parking availability, permit requirements, and neighborhood impacts. Vice President Andrew Hansen explained the agreement is intended to encourage use of campus lots, reduce neighborhood parking concerns, and support campus security funding.

Council President Kleeburg moved to approve Resolution 2025-40. Councilor Spickelmire seconded for discussion. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg. VOTING NAY: Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein; Spickelmire.***

G. **RESOLUTION 2025-42:** Considering approving the proposed Lease Agreement between the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport Authority and the City of Lewiston for the Bryden Canyon Golf Course - Action Item (City Attorney Tengono)

City Attorney Tengono explained that although the city owns the Bryden Canyon Golf Course property, it lies within the airport footprint and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations require it be leased at fair market value as a non-aeronautical revenue source. The proposed agreement sets a new fair market rate with a 3% annual increase, and ensures compliance with FAA requirements.

Councilor Wright and Council President Kleeburg moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2025-42. ***ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Kleeburg; Wright; Forsmann; Schroeder; Klein. VOTING NAY: Spickelmire.***

VIII. ITEMS MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - Action Item

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.

Council President Kleeburg apologized for his lack of attendance at the August 25th meeting due to travel issues.

Councilor Forsmann thanked the citizens for reaching out to Councilors.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson encouraged customers to switch to email utility statements to help offset rising postage costs and highlighted the City's secure online payment system, which offers autopay, one-time payments, and assistance from Utility Billing staff.

D. AGENDA TOPICS: - Action Item

X. 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 September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor

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Approved

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