

October 6, 2025

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in 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 (Zoom); Councilor John Spickelmire; Councilor Matt Wright.

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Councilor Kathy Schroeder.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bob Blakey, a Lewiston resident, noted that Idaho is one of 14 non-disclosure states and asked Nez Perce County Assessor Dan Anderson if requiring disclosure of property sales would make it easier to determine fair property values.

Mayor Johnson welcomed City Council candidates Bryan Moree and Bob Blakey and thanked them for attending.

IV. MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA - ACTION ITEM

In accordance with Idaho Code 74-204(b), Councilor Wright moved to amend the agenda to add the appointment of Julie Crea to a three-year term on the Audit Committee as a new action item before the Discussion Items. The reason for the amendment is that the Mayor will be unavailable at the October 13th meeting, and Council action is required prior to the Audit Committee's next scheduled meeting. The need for this action was not identified in time to meet the posting deadline, and is being added in good faith to allow the committee to proceed as scheduled. Council President Kleeburg seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

V. AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - Action Item

Mayor Johnson moved to appoint Julie Crea to a three-year term on the Audit Committee. Councilor Forsmann seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

- A. PROPERTY TAXES AND LEVIES:** Presentation by Nez Perce County Assessor Dan Anderson and Nez Perce County Clerk Patty Weeks on property taxes and levies - Presentation (Councilor Spickelmire)

Nez Perce County Assessor Dan Anderson and Nez Perce County Clerk Patty Weeks provided an overview of property valuations and the budgeting process. Mr. Anderson explained the shift in assessed values toward residential properties and noted that his office sets values, not tax rates. Ms. Weeks discussed levy rates, growth in overall value, and challenges with the current homeowner's exemption. Councilors asked questions about valuation trends, district assessments, and contacting state representatives with concerns.

- B. OVERVIEW OF THE LEWISTON URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY:** Overview of the Lewiston Urban Renewal Agency (URA) and its established Revenue Allocation Areas - Presentation (Assistant Planner Hollingshead)

Assistant Planner Katie Hollingshead provided an overview of the City's Urban Renewal Agency (URA), including its mission, governing statutes, and Council's role in appointing board members and approving boundaries and plans. She reviewed the three active revenue allocation areas (RAAs), highlighted ongoing and potential projects, particularly within RAA #5, and encouraged Council to email any follow-up questions.

- C. OVERVIEW OF LEWISTON'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:** Presentation on the history, current status, and interdependencies of Emergency Medical Services in the Lewis-Clark Valley - Presentation (Fire Chief Rightmier)

Fire Chief Greg Rightmier provided an overview of Lewiston's Emergency Medical Services (EMS), including its history, resource deployment, financial partnerships, GEMT cost evaluation, levy cycles, and upcoming contracts. He discussed benefits to residents and offered to meet individually with Councilors to answer questions. Councilors asked about partnerships, cost modeling, and station operations. Asotin County Fire Chief Noel Hardin also spoke, emphasizing the importance of continued collaboration and discussion.

VII. 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 announced the League of Women's Voters would be hosting a candidate forum on October 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the City Library.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

None.

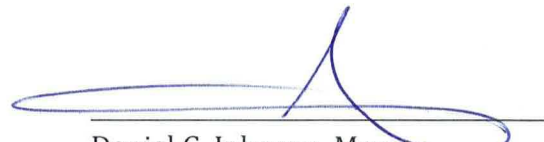
D. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson noted it was good news that the levy rate decreased, based on information provided by Ms. Weeks, and that it reflects the City's conservative budgeting practices and continued growth.

E. AGENDA TOPICS: - Action Item

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Council President Kleeburg and Councilor Wright moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the October 6, 2025 Work Session. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.



Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor



Tanya M. Broeke, City Clerk

A blue ink stamp with the word "Approved" in a cursive script. Below it, the date "OCT 28 2025" is printed in red capital letters. The entire stamp is enclosed within a blue circular outline.