

May 4, 2026

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 Kasse Forsmann; Councilor Jessica Klein; Councilor John Spickelmire; Councilor Matt Wright.

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Councilor Bryan Moree.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kristin Kemack, Chief Executive Officer of Twin County United Way, announced that Idaho Gives Week runs from May 4th to May 7th, 2026. Mayor Johnson presented her with a proclamation.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming the week of May 17–23, 2026 as Emergency Medical Services Week - Action Item (Mayor Johnson)

Mayor Johnson read the Emergency Medical Services Week proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief Greg Rightmier.

- B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2026 ACTION PLAN PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Project and funding recommendations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2026 Action Plan - Action Item (Community Development Office Supervisor Dawn Ortiz)

Community Development Office Supervisor Dawn Ortiz explained the Community Development Block Grant 2026 funding of \$310,551.26 is proposed to allocate \$40,000 for city administration and future planning, \$15,000 to the Lewiston School District to assist students experiencing homelessness, \$60,000 to the Home Repair Program to help residents maintain affordable housing, \$150,000 to Parks and Recreation to fix the roof and water damage at Fenton Gym, and \$45,551.26 to L-C Habitat for Humanity for housing improvements. A thirty (30) day public comment period runs from May 9, 2026, through June 8, 2026, which will conclude with a public hearing held by City Council and final approval of the 2026 Action Plan.

V. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

- A. **LEWISTON CIVIC THEATER SERVICES AGREEMENT ANNUAL ACCOUNTING:** Presentation by Executive Director Nancy McIntosh regarding the activities financed to date with City funds in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2026 Services Agreement - Action Item

Executive Director Nancy McIntosh provided a summary of the FY 26 Services Agreement funding, thanking the Council for their continued support. She reported that the funds enabled show licensing for the community—noting that production costs and licensing fees have doubled since COVID-19, averaging \$10,000 to \$25,000 per show—and announced their final season production, “*Mamma Mia!*”, running June 12–28, 2026. Members of the theater group spoke regarding their positive experiences, and Ms. McIntosh concluded with an overview of community events.

- B. **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE LEWIS CLARK VALLEY, INC. ANNUAL ACCOUNTING:** Presentation by Executive Director Jon Evans regarding the activities financed to date with City funds in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2026 Services Agreement - Action Item

This item was skipped as no representative of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley, Inc. was in attendance at the meeting.

- C. **TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT FOR BRYDEN AVENUE:** Overview of maintenance and repair plans for Bryden Avenue, presented by Public Works Director Dustin Johnson - Action Item

Public Works Director Dustin Johnson presented a traffic analysis for Bryden Avenue and explained that the report concluded that a five-lane design is necessary to maintain acceptable service ratings by 2033, rather than the three-lane option previously considered. Funding challenges and potential funding strategies were then discussed, including the possibility of a general obligation bond. Public Works Director Johnson noted the next steps would be to come back before Council in October, after the budget is completed, to provide different scenarios.

- D. **ASSIGNED BUILDING FUND:** Discussion on the remaining balance and future plans of the assigned building fund, as requested by Council President Kleeburg at the March 23, 2026 City Council meeting - Action Item

Council President Jim Kleeburg and City Treasurer Aimee Gordon reviewed the assigned building fund, which has a remaining balance of approximately \$5.2 million. Fire Chief Greg Rightmier explained the need to address health and safety modifications at all three fire stations, and Councilors agreed to prioritize

fixing existing infrastructure rather than pursuing a new build. Parks and Recreation Director Justin Glenn noted his department is actively developing a plan for these repairs, which will be presented to the council at a future meeting, along with reviewing deferred maintenance projects.

- E. UTILITY RESERVES:** Discussion on utility reserves, as requested by Councilor Spickelmire at the April 27, 2026 City Council meeting - Action Item

Councilor Spickelmire explained he requested an explanation of city utility reserves, which the public often questions. City Treasurer Aimee Gordon reviewed the city's four enterprise funds (water, wastewater, sanitation, and storm water) and explained that the city follows Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) best practices, maintaining 90 days of cash on hand for operational stability. Ms. Gordon and City Attorney Jennifer Tengono clarified that state law and constitutional mandates restrict the use of these enterprise funds to their designated purposes, preventing them from being transferred to other municipal projects.

VI. 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 noted she would be traveling to Boise for Association of Idaho Cities Leadership training to network and bring back ideas.

Councilor Spickelmire asked that the information provided at the meeting be available online for the public.

- B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**

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

- C. MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Johnson recognized Idaho Gives Week, commending the role of local nonprofits and volunteers in addressing community needs. He also announced that applications for a position on the Lewiston Airport Authority Board are being accepted through May 20th and encouraged interested candidates to apply.

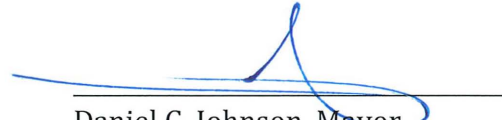
- D. AGENDA TOPICS:** - Action Item

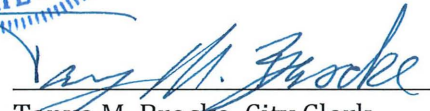
Councilors Klein and Wright moved and seconded, respectively, to add the possibility of a creating a vacant building ordinance to the June 1, 2026 Work Session. The motion carried 5-0.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilor Forsmann and Council President Kleeburg moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the May 4, 2026, Work Session. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.




Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk


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