

May 11, 2026

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met for a Special Budget 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; Councilor Bryan Moree; Councilor John Spickelmire; Councilor Matt Wright.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wastewater Utility Manager Nate Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

An opportunity for public comment on agenda items was provided; no comments were offered from the public.

IV. BUDGET ITEMS

Public Works Director Dustin Johnson presented the FY27 budget workshop, introducing Public Works Department staff and outlining the focus on capital projects and utility enterprise funds.

A. ENTERPRISE FUNDS (WATER, WASTEWATER, SANITATION AND STORMWATER)

Public Works Director Johnson reviewed the financial health, capital master plans, and reserve accounts for each independent utility.

B. CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION

Public Works Director Johnson led the discussion regarding non-enterprise transportation funding, including grant-funded projects, pavement preservation, and matching fund requirements.

Mayor Johnson excused himself at 4:45 p.m., and turned the meeting over to Council President Kleeburg.

C. UTILITY RATES

Public Works Director Johnson presented the staff-proposed rate adjustments (3.5% overall increase) to support deferred maintenance and capital infrastructure investments.

V. BUDGET DISCUSSION

This is an opportunity for Councilors to ask questions, have discussions and provide direction to staff related to the fiscal year 2027 budget – Action Item

The Council engaged in a Q&A session with staff regarding infrastructure priorities, reserve management, and the feasibility of rate adjustments for the upcoming fiscal year.

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 provided insights from recent AIC leadership training, including potential strategies for funding municipal services through impact fees and the usage of foregone taxes.

B. MAYOR COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Wright and Spickelmire moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the May 11, 2026 Special Meeting Budget Session #1. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor

A blue ink signature of Tanya M. Brocke, written in a cursive style.

Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

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