

June 12, 2023

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Joint Lewiston City Council/Nez Perce County Commissioners at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson and Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Council President Liedkie; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Kleeburg; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire.

COUNCILORS EXCUSED: Councilor Tousley.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Beck; Commissioner Zenner.

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Havens.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Linnea Noreen, a resident of Lewiston, said she would like to see the columns on the historic facade of the courthouse, as well as the statue, saved in order to preserve a piece of Lewiston's history.

Steve Cooper, a resident of Lewiston, expressed his support in merging the two dispatch centers into a single, more efficient dispatch center.

IV. JOINT CITY OF LEWISTON/NEZ PERCE COUNTY BUDGET ITEMS

A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Emergency Management Coordinator Hurd provided an update of accomplishments and training completed by Emergency Management on behalf of the City of Lewiston and Nez Perce County.

B. POLICE OPERATIONS/SPILLMAN:

Police Chief Kuzik spoke to Councilors and Commissioners about police operations and Spillman (rebranded to Flex). He explained that they are in the process of updating the contracts for Flex and drafting a shared user agreement between the Lewiston Police Department, Nez Perce County Sheriff's Department and the Nez Perce Tribe. Concluding, Chief Kuzik said that the costs would be separate for each different agency, rather than shared, as each agency would have their own modules.

C. JOINT DISPATCH:

Nez Perce County GIS Coordinator Reynolds reviewed the consolidated dispatch outline and covered several main aspects of the Emergency Communications Joint Powers Board. The request is for the City Council and Nez Perce County Commissioners to schedule a joint meeting in order to discuss the joint dispatch in more detail and address any concerns.

Chief Kuzik agreed that a follow-up meeting is needed to discuss the joint dispatch, as he is not a proponent of a joint dispatch center and does not feel that it is the best fit.

D. E-911 PROGRAM:

Nez Perce County GIS Coordinator and Chair of Emergency Communications Joint Powers Board Reynolds reviewed the Emergency Communications Joint Powers Board 2023-2024 budget, as well as the highlights planned for the upcoming year.

E. AIRPORT :

Airport Director Isaacs provided an overview and recap on the airport facility, which included operations, maintenance and administrative functions. The Airport is requesting \$351,115 each from the City and County to cover the \$702,230 operating cost shortfall. The request of \$202,709 each from the City and County to cover the capital costs shortfall of \$405,418, may be reduced due to the availability of state funding for capital costs.

F. SANITATION:

Public Works Director Johnson reviewed an outline of the existing services between the City and County, along with the budget requests.

G. SOUTHWAY BRIDGE:

Public Works Director Johnson explained the Southway Bridge is owned by the City of Lewiston, Nez Perce County, the City of Clarkston and the City of Asotin. Inspections of the bridge are completed every two years, with underwater inspections being completed every five years by the Idaho Department of Transportation. The most recent underwater inspection identified scour issues on Piers 3 and 4, so the recommendation is to have each agency contribute funding in order to hire an engineer to provide an analysis and cost estimate of the repairs needed.

H. COURTHOUSE UPDATE:

Nez Perce County Commissioner Beck said they are currently waiting for the pier blocks for the foundation of the new courthouse. The courthouse will have a few things from the old building, such as the statue and historic benches, but they were not able to include everything because it would increase the cost.

Commissioner Zenner thanked everyone for their patience with the limited parking, and encouraged the community to pay bills online, in the dropboxes or an alternative way to help with the traffic congestion.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:

None.

B. MAYOR COMMENTS:

None.

C. NEZ PERCE COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chair Beck thanked the City for meeting with the County and he appreciates the opportunity to discuss joint issues.

Commissioner Zenner complimented the Mayor and staff on their collaboration with the courthouse.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Zenner moved to adjourn the Joint Lewiston City Council/Nez Perce County Commissioners meeting with a second from Councilor Schroeder. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.