

September 11, 2023

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Work Session at the Lewiston Library Second Floor Activity Room at 411 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Spickelmire; Councilor Tousley; Councilor Kleeburg (3:02 p.m.); Councilor Forsmann (3:03 p.m.); Council President Liedkie (Zoom 3:06 p.m.);

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Johanna Musseid-Frank expressed concern about there being no warming shelters in the LC Valley, as she had to go all the way to Pullman/Tristate Hospital for help when she experienced homelessness.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Update provided by Logan Simpson
Design - Action Item

City Planner Plaskon and Logan Simpson Consultant Joe Moss provided an introduction to the Comprehensive Plan rewrite, an overview of the progress to date, and a timeline of the project's next steps.

B. URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY UPDATE & OVERVIEW: Overview and update
provided by Community Development Director Shannon Grow - Action Item

Community Development Director Grow, currently serving as the Lewiston Urban Renewal Agency Director, provided an overview of the Urban Renewal Agency (URA). She explained what URA's can do, how URA's are funded, how projects are paid for, and where Revenue Allocation Areas are in the city, along with what the City Council's role in the Lewiston URA is. Concluding her presentation,

Community Director Grow concluded her presentation by informing Council on the next steps for the Lewiston URA.

- C. **LEASED CITY PROPERTIES DISCUSSION:** Sharing information with City Council on joint use partners, leases and agreements that are in place for facilities and parks through the Parks and Recreation Department - Action Item

Parks and Recreation Director Barker informed City Council about the various partners in the community where facilities and parks that the city owns and maintains are shared or leased.

- D. **WARMING FACILITIES:** Discussion on warming facilities, including prior Ordinance No. 4871 and the sunset clause contained therein, which ordinance expired as of March 20, 2023 - Action Item

Councilor Tousley moved to direct staff to prepare a draft ordinance for Council consideration that would repeat the language from Ordinance 4871 with a starting date of September 12, 2023 and an ending date of April 15, 2024. Councilor Forsmann seconded.

City Attorney Hermann clarified that staff would have to bring back a new ordinance, which would require three readings and adoption, so the starting date wouldn't be effective until the ordinance has been passed and published.

Councilor Tousley restated his motion to direct staff to prepare a draft ordinance for Council consideration that would repeat the language from Ordinance 4871 but have an ending date of April 15, 2024. Councilor Forsmann seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

V. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. **CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:**

Councilor Tousley said he went to a place where persons experiencing homelessness had been kicked out of and it was heartbreaking to see the items that were left behind. He encouraged the community to do everything it can to support people experiencing homelessness.

Councilor Forsmann commended Councilor Tousley and agreed on the importance of the community to come together on the topic of homelessness.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES:

Councilor Forsmann noted the Public Works Advisory Commission will be meeting Wednesday, September 13th, and encouraged citizens to attend the meetings.

Councilor Liedkie noted the E911 board meeting and the coordinator and response team continue to work on providing adequate 911 services to the public and look at consolidation of services.

Councilor Schroeder noted the Lewis-Clark Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization will be meeting Thursday, September 14th, and there will be public outreach on the Bryden and Thain corridor. She also noted that a fourslide manufacturing company is coming into the community and will be hiring, which will create a need for more housing development.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Johnson encouraged citizens to provide comments for the Comprehensive Plan survey.

D. AGENDA TOPICS: - Action Item

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Tousley and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the September 11, 2023 Work Session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.




Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk