

Welcome and Roll Call:

The meeting begins at 7:30. Mayor Hall welcomes everybody. Councilmember Simer shares a quote by Peter Marshall and leads everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance include Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember John Morrison, Councilmember Ned Simer, Councilmember Jonna Westover, Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Abel Herrera (P&Z Administrator/Treasurer), Paul Swainston (Public Works Director), Barbara Kane, Kristeen Phelps, Tina Ernstrom, and Maddie Soto. Councilmember Brooke Hyer and Councilmember Fizz Bodily are excused.

1. Review and approval of minutes from September 19, 2023. Mayor Hall asks the council if the minutes look correct for last month's meeting. Councilmember Simer makes a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Morrison seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Public Comments. No comments.

3. CAPSA Presentation – Maddie Soto. Ms. Soto represents CAPSA and shares a message about domestic violence awareness month.

4. Barbara Kane, LRRH – seeking approval for fire dancers at 2024 event; discussion and possible vote. Mayor Hall welcomes Barbara Kane and Kristeen Phelps. Ms. Phelps explains that this coming year's theme is "Bike the Beach". They would like to hire fire dancers as part of the entertainment. Councilmember Morrison motions to approve fire dancers at the 2024 Little Red Event. Councilmember Simer seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Tova Jones – Proposal for Santa Shop – Youth Council/Events Council. Mayor Hall explains that he talked to Ms. Jones and Councilmember Hyer earlier last week. The Santa Shop is going to collect donated items and sell them at discounted prices. It was proposed that both the Youth Council and Events Council work to make this happen in the Ballroom when Santa visits in December. Mayor Hall explains that he has talked with Matt Regan, our Auditor, and he said that any time the City sells something, sales tax must be collected. As a city, we are held to a higher standard than other groups. Mr. Regan recommended that the City should not be directly involved but could support it from a distance.

Mayor Hall suggests that this be passed along to the Youth Council, with concerns over the booth that was selling treats at the 4th of July celebration. Councilmember Westover explains that that booth was not organized by the Youth Council. This was organized by another individual using the Youth Council name to set up in a particular spot and using the kids to sell the items for the Youth Council, but it was not planned and organized as an official Youth Council activity.

This is also a reason why there will not be any charges for the upcoming Halloween Carnival. It is designed to be a free activity for our residents.

6. Tina Ernstrom – Proposal for Lewiston City support of the yearly Play in

Lewiston Elementary; discussion and possible vote. Ms. Ernstrom hands out a sheet outlining the proposal she is presenting. She explains that the grant that has made the play possible in the past is no longer available. Without that funding the play cannot happen. The school district has strict rules about the number and types of fundraisers a school can do. A school cannot ask businesses for donations. This proposal to put the play under the umbrella of the city would allow them to approach businesses for possible donations and provide some of the needed funding to make it happen. Particulars are discussed, and stipulations agreed to that the program directors continue to look for grants, and they will join the Lewiston Events Council. Councilmember Simper motions to have Lewiston City become the sponsor for the Lewiston Elementary play. Councilmember Westover seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

7. New Library Board member, discussion and vote. Councilmember Simper motions to approve Zina Davis as the newest member of the Library Board. Councilmember Morrison seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hall reports that the Business Park is almost complete. There is some final grading that needs to be done, and Rocky Mountain Power to finish installing the streetlights.

The new water tank is close to being completed. The drain line for the septic system needs to be moved. The foundation for the pumphouse is in place, but parts for the pumps are on backorder. It will be next spring before we see anything near completion.

The sewer project has funds available, but DWQ and USDA Rural both want papers signed between all entities before they commit funding for the project. Mayor Hall is working to make this happen.

Mayor Hall discusses the future of the Lewiston Theatre. We would like to see more income to offset the expense of keeping it open. We don't want to just increase ticket prices, because half of the ticket sales go back to the movie companies. He mentions that perhaps we charge a facility charge alongside the ticket sales.

9. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover has nothing to report that hasn't already been covered.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Events Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reports via email to Mayor Hall: The Events Council Craft Fair will be on Saturday the 21st. The Cache County Sheriff has confirmed that they will provide the same services for the 2024 Fourth of July as in years past.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports that the Halloween Carnival will be from 6:00 to 8:00. They are doing a chili cookoff and pumpkin dessert cookoff, and they would like the City Council to be judges. There will be wagon rides. They need baked goods for the cake walk, and volunteers to help with the whole thing.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reports there was no Planning & Zoning meeting this month.

Fizz Bodily – CERT/Emergency Preparedness, Fire Department, Garbage, Parks & Rec: Councilmember Bodily is absent.

10. Adjourn.

Councilmember Morrison motions to adjourn to an executive session. Councilmember Westover seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for November 21st, 2023.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

