

Those in attendance included Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember Fizz Bodily, Councilmember John Morrison, Councilmember Jonna Westover, Councilmember Brooke Hyer, Councilmember Ned Simper, Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Abel Herrera (P&Z Administrator/Treasurer), Sheriff Chad Jensen, Lt. Tim Ramirez (CCSO), Konner Simmons (CAPSA), Cory Nielsen, Minnie Hall, and Russ Madsen.

1. Review and approval of minutes from February 20th meeting. Councilmember Westover pointed out a misspelling on a name. Councilmember Westover motioned to approve the minutes with that correction. Councilmember Bodily seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comments. Russ Madsen stated his concern about the high speed limits and lack of sign posting the speed limits. Mayor Hall thanked him for his input, stated he agrees with Mr. Madsen, and has asked the council numerous times to consider lowering the speed limits.

3. Miguel Sanchez – temporary beer license for May 17 rodeo. Mr. Sanchez requested approval for a temporary beer license for a rodeo that he is hosting on May 17, 2024. This will be the same as he did last year. Councilmember Hyer motioned to approve the temporary beer license for Miguel Sanchez's rodeo on May 17th. Councilmember Bodily seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CAPSA – Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Konner Simmons addressed the council to bring awareness to Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is April. He distributed a booklet to the council for the CAPSA FY23 Impact Report.

5. CCSO – Sheriff Jensen. Sheriff Jensen reported that the impound facility is operational as of May 2023. He is pleased with how it is running. He reported the new animal control contract proposal is for three years, and the hourly rate will increase over the three years instead of one big increase. He reported on the law enforcement data for this fiscal year. Mayor Hall asked Sheriff Jensen if he stands by the presentation that the CCSO gave last year, that Lewiston should leave the speed limits at 55 mph on our narrow roads. Sheriff Jensen replied that he didn't think the presentation said to not decrease the speed limits. Mayor Hall said that the council took the information from the presentation to suggest that the speed limits were not an issue. Sheriff Jensen said that he personally thinks with the narrow roads, houses, lack of curb and gutter, ditches on both sides of the roads, 55 mph is a pretty fast speed limit. He said that in the rest of the county, if it's not posted, the speed limit is 45 mph.

Lt. Ramirez introduced himself and said he has met with Councilmember Hyer and discussed all our events. Lt. Ramirez introduced their new plan for proactive policing.

6. Councilmember Simper – New Library Board members, discussion and vote.

Councilmember Simper reported that they need to add new board members to replace those who are no longer on the board. He had two names to propose which would bring the board to six members. He motioned to approve Julia Cloud and Kyla Gundry to the library board. Councilmember Bodily seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Cory Nielsen – Discussion on extending water main along state line road

(approx. 1200 N). Mayor Hall explained that our code states that water main extension requests must come before the council. Our attorney agrees that they should. Mayor Hall explained the process. Whomever wants to extend the water main must have it engineered at their expense. The city engineer must approve those plans. Then it goes to the division of drinking water for approval. Then a contractor can be hired to install the main. The contractor must be approved by the city engineer. The city's engineer will also perform site checks during installation. After it has been completed to state specifications it becomes property of the city.

Mr. Nielsen distributed a preliminary plat showing the area at 1600 West and the state line. He explained that the fire hydrant is the end of the water main, and it is about 100 feet short of the intersection. They would need to install a pipe going about 100 feet north, turn the corner and take it about 500 feet east. He plans to build a house along the state line road, 1200 North.

Councilmember Bodily motioned to approve the preliminary plan to extend the water main 620 feet along 1600 West and 1200 North to proceed to the engineering phase and brought back to the council. Councilmember Hyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Other Business. None.**9. Mayor's Report**

1. **Annexation.** Mayor Hall, Chris Barr, and Timothy Christensen have been working with the State Lieutenant Governor's Office. The State office has an issue with the legal description, and they are working on that.
2. Starting on July 1, 2024, state law requires all library employees working with children to pass a background check. Discussions with Lt. Roy Hall of the CCSO and attorney Seth Tait described best practices would be to have all employees, board members, and volunteers pass a background criminal check (BCI). The council will need to decide on what the city's policy will be.
3. Lewiston budgets \$120,000 annually for chip/seal. This covers about 5 miles of road. Paul Swainston has requested an additional 25 to 30 thousand to chip/seal the new road in the business park. After the new public works building is completed, we would like to add an additional 70 to 80 thousand dollars to the road budget.
4. We really need some help with crossing guards. Both of our current guards have been unable to work due to medical conditions. Mayor Hall has talked to the school asking for help in finding people.

5. The Cub River Sports Complex is a mess right now due to the well construction, there is a continuous thistle problem, and somebody started to install water lines by the playground but didn't finish so there is torn up grass and pipes sticking out of the ground. We are looking for professional help in tackling the thistle problem. We have sprayed it numerous times. Richmond will be helping to cover the expenses.
6. We are still trying to secure grant funding for the sewer project. The back-up plan is \$7 million from USDA, 80% of which will be a loan, 20% grant.

10. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Jonna Westover – Water, Fire Department, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reported that the Youth Council is filling eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Nothing to report on Fire Dept. or Water. Mayor Hall reported that we are in the process of moving our water rights from Geddes well to Griffin well.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Events Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reported that the Events Council's next event is June 10th, a concert in the park. Planning is underway for the 4th of July. This year's Grand Marshalls are Gil and Holly Hyer. The school play is on April 26 and 27.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reported that the theatre has been a lot busier than it has been. There have been a few rentals for private showings. Current financial figures show that it is only about \$1000 in the red, so it is a lot better off than a year ago. He has talked to Mayor Hall about the discussion with Franklin County at last month's meeting. They are going to work to find the money over the next few years to get that road paved. 200 South by the school is in bad shape. 800 West south of 1600 South is in very poor condition.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison had nothing to report.

Fizz Bodily – CERT/Emergency Preparedness, Sewer, Garbage, Parks & Rec: Councilmember Bodily reported that there is a sinkhole on the north side of Center Street at about 100 West. Mayor Hall said they are aware of the issue, there is a barricade on it, and it is a bigger project than our crew can tackle right now. They have somebody scheduled to take care of it. Councilmember Bodily reported that baseball sign-ups are happening right now.

11. Adjourn.

Councilmember Westover motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for April 16th, 2024.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

