

Those in attendance included Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember Fizz Bodily, Councilmember John Morrison, Councilmember Jonna Westover, Councilmember Brooke Hyer, Councilmember Ned Simper, Abel Herrera (P&Z Administrator/Treasurer), and Minnie Hall.

1. Review and approval of minutes from March 19th meeting. Councilmember Simper motioned to approve the minutes as stated. Councilmember Bodily seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comments. None.

3. Animal Control Contract – discussion and vote. Mayor Hall explained that Sheriff Jensen talked about the contract last month and sent it to the council for review. The increase in cost is spread out over three years. Councilmember Bodily motioned to approve the Animal Control Contract with the Cache County Sheriff. Councilmember Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

4. BCI policy discussion, possible vote. Mayor Hall explained that BCI stands for Background Criminal Investigation. He explained the new legislation requires any library employee or volunteer to have a background check, due to the proximity of working with children. There is currently only one BCI office in the state, which is in Salt Lake City. He is still working with the city's attorney to determine if BCI has to be used, or if a local agency can complete those background checks. Mayor Hall explained that as part of the update to the city employee handbook, we need to develop a policy that covers this for all city employees. Councilmember Simper reported that the library board is worried because the new legislation appears to make it much harder to find volunteers, because of the extra time and effort it would require of the volunteers. Factors such as time to get results, expense and who pays it, and timeframe to accomplish this were discussed.

Councilmember Westover motioned that Lewiston City immediately starts completing BCI checks on the library employees and board members during the month of May, and hereafter make decisions as they go on other departments. Councilmember Hyer seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Other Business. None.

6. Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Hall relayed the information he got in an email from the Utah Transit Authority. They would like all government employees to use transit as much as possible during the week of May 20th to bring awareness and support for the transit system. It was discussed, but there were no commitments as the system stops in Lewiston twice in the morning, and twice in the evening, but does not cover traversing Lewiston or work with anybody's schedule.
2. Mayor Hall reported that we received the contract from All Tech to move over the dot gov system. He does not want to sign that until we have our financials all caught up. He will be meeting with Matt Regen.
3. Marcus Simons reported to Mayor Hall that he has talked to USDA who agrees that we will not have to renew our BANS or bond with the Bank of Utah, because we will be substantially complete with the water project by May 10th.
4. The lift station replacement for the sewer has kept going up in cost estimates. There hasn't been anything put on paper yet, but it started at \$200k and is now over \$400k.
5. Skyview High School rented the ballroom for May 18th to hold the Senior Ball. The theatre will be closed to the public that night. Main Street will be closed from Center Street to 100 South to thru traffic.

7. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Jonna Westover – Water, Fire Department, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reported that the Youth Council hosted another successful Easter Egg Hunt despite the rain. She also thanked those who donated including Schreiber's, Big J's, Casper's, and Gossner Foods.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Events Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reported that 4th of July is getting closer. The committees are excited. The Events Council has the Lewiston Children's Theater play coming up at Lewiston Elementary. The cemetery needs a new mower. The current one is a 2008 model, and a hydraulic pump has gone out. Paul Swainston will source a new one and budget adjustment will be made for the capital purchase at the next public hearing.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper asked Mayor Hall what was decided on 800 West south of 1600 South. Mayor Hall said he has talked with all the landowners down there and they are in support of closing the road due to the poor condition of the dirt that is the road. Gates will be installed on both ends of the road with keys given to the landowners who may need to access their properties. The condition of the road creates a bigger liability than a benefit.

There are currently six library board members, they need one more. More help is needed for the Halloween Carnival. The library is seeing fewer and fewer patrons. The trial of keeping it open longer hours to accommodate different schedules didn't seem to make any difference.

The theatre needs help to organize and maintain the pre-show advertising. Mayor Hall will have All Tech meet with the theatre manager and our office staff. The city will not create ads for businesses but will be able to add them to the advertising reel when they are submitted and paid for.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reported that P&Z did not meet again this month. They need to work on the subdivision ordinance and extending water lines as housing expands.

Fizz Bodily – CERT/Emergency Preparedness, Sewer, Garbage, Parks & Rec: Councilmember Bodily reported that they are just getting going with T-ball and coach pitch, they will begin play in June. Little Red is coming the first weekend in June.

Mayor Hall said that Justin Lewis, Richmond City Recorder, will re-write the interlocal agreement for the Cub River Sports Complex. The current agreement is outdated and neither city is following it very well. Nobody can make any decisions concerning the complex because there is no longer an active committee for it. Lewiston has been maintaining the grounds, but Richmond will take over as of June 1st. They are better equipped with their larger organization and separate parks department. The annexation of the Cub River Sports Complex was discussed and all council members are still in agreement that they want that to happen.

8. Adjourn.

Councilmember Bodily motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 21st, 2024.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

