

Those in attendance included Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember Fizz Bodily, Councilmember Brooke Hyer, Councilmember Ned Simper, Councilmember John Morrison, Councilmember Jonna Westover, Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Abel Herrera (P&Z Administrator/Treasurer), Klair Kent.

The meeting began at 7:30 pm.

1. Review and approval of minutes from August 20th meeting. Councilmember Hyer motioned to approve the minutes. Councilmember Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Comment Period. No comments.

3. Discussion and vote on purchase / rental of loader. Mayor Hall explained the current situation with the CAT backhoe rental as the lease ends in October. Options were discussed for replacing it. Councilmember Westover motioned to purchase the U-80 tractor for roughly \$90,000. Councilmember Morrison seconded the motion. Roll call vote yielded yes votes from all councilmembers. Motion carried.

4. Other business. None

5. Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Hall reported that the city will be lowering the number of bank accounts that it currently has open.
2. Mayor Hall reported that the city office had been approached by a different phone service provider that offers more features at a cheaper rate. The office contacted All Tech to see if they can compete and is waiting to see what they can provide.
3. Mayor Hall reported that the .gov changeover is about ready and will be rolled out soon.

6. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Jonna Westover – Water, Fire Department, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reported that she and Chris had gone over the utility accounts and found that there is currently over \$32,000 in delinquent accounts. A list was created, and we are working towards shutting off water for those accounts. A pump had to be replaced on one of the fire trucks, and the station is getting bids on having one of the roll-up doors repaired.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Events Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reported that the Library Board has suggested that another auxiliary be created to handle the Halloween Carnival if it is to continue. They will be hosting a trunk or treat on October 26th. They have seen great success with the calendar fundraiser. On Sept. 28th the Events Council will host the craft show. On Oct. 14th there will be a concert in the ballroom.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper had nothing to report.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reported that they are waiting for the attorney to send back the updated code for subdivisions. Changes in State legislation require the process for subdivision approvals to be streamlined, and funds are available to help with this. An outside agency has been contracted to help with this.

Fizz Bodily – CERT/Emergency Preparedness, Sewer, Garbage, Parks & Rec: Councilmember Bodily reported that replacement of the lift station for the sewer will begin in the spring. They

are having trouble acquiring the needed components. The city picnic will be on Sep. 27th. Preparations were discussed.

7. Adjourn. Councilmember Westover motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Hyer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

- Next City Council meeting scheduled for October 15th, 2024.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

