

Welcome and Roll Call:

Meeting begins at 7:30. Mayor Hall welcomes everybody. Councilmember Hyer is asked to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance include Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember Ned Simper, Councilmember John Morrison, Councilmember Brooke Hyer, Councilmember Fizz Bodily, Councilmember Westover, Mary Simpson (Treasurer), Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Paul Swainston (Public Works Director), Dan Dukeman, Amy Prestwich, Teresa Swainston.

Opening Remarks:

Mayor Hall thanks everybody for their participation and work on the Fourth of July events. It was another great celebration, and he has received many phone calls saying that was the best fireworks show yet. He has had some people from outside of Lewiston request to be contacted next year for donations towards the Fourth of July.

Open Comment Period: No remarks from the public.

Business on Agenda:

Approval of minutes and expenses. Mayor Hall asks the council if the minutes look like they represent the meeting they attended last month. Councilmember Simper makes a motion to accept the minutes as stated, Councilmember Bodily seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Hall asks the Council if there are any questions on the expenses as shown. There are no questions. Councilmember Bodily makes a motion to accept the expenses as stated. Councilmember Simper seconds. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Resolution 22-003 – Franchise agreement for Lumen Technologies. Lumen Technologies is the new name for Century Link, and with the name change we need a new franchise agreement before they can perform work in the city's right-of-way. They want to install lines in the Baldwin subdivision. Councilmember Bodily motions to approve Resolution 22-003. Councilmember Morrison seconds. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Bodily – yes

Councilmember Hyer – yes

Councilmember Morrison – yes

Councilmember Simper – yes

Councilmember Westover – yes

Motion carries.

Vote on lawnmower lease from Buttar's Tractor. Paul Swainston explains that we are not leasing a lawnmower, but the tractor that the lawnmower is attached to. Councilmember Westover motions to approve the lease. Councilmember Morrison seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Vote on sale of surplus property. Councilmember Bodily explains the emergency service system in Lewiston has had a single-band radio in the past. It has been replaced with a dual-band radio. Per state law the old single-band radio must be marked as surplus before Lewiston can sell it. Councilmember Bodily motions to surplus the single-band radio. Councilmember Hyer seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hall reiterates the success of the Fourth of July celebrations. Everything seemed to go well without any major problems. The fireman's breakfast brought in about \$1000 more than usual.

Mayor Hall explains the concession prices in the theatre will be going up. This is directly due to the cost of concession purchases going up.

Mayor Hall states the garbage collection casts are going up. New garbage trucks are about \$3 million. They are a long way out on backorder. Next month we will have a public hearing to adjust our master fee schedule by changing the garbage collection rates. Neighboring municipalities in Box Elder County charge between \$25 and \$35 per month. Lewiston is still at about \$17.

The 2022 fiscal year has ended, and we have got most of the numbers straightened out that the office system was reporting incorrectly, so we will have another public hearing next month for those adjustments. Also, the 2023 fiscal year budget will need to be approved in a public hearing next month.

Some time ago, Cache County made fire districts. Lewiston Fire District covers Lewiston, Cornish, and unincorporated county north of Richmond. Cache County pays Lewiston to cover all the unincorporated area in our district, and we are to charge other municipalities in the district. This discussion has been going on for a few years with Cornish, and an agreement has been made. A contract has been made which will be sent to the city attorney for review. This will then be presented to Mayor Leak in Cornish.

We have received the Intent to Annex paperwork from the three entities we were expecting to. This is Caper's, Gilt Edge, and PMG. We expect the process to go smoothly as 100% of the affected area is owned by these groups.

The water project distribution continues to move along. Water is being shut off in some areas for a few hours as new connections are made. Mayor Hall received two calls today from people thanking the public works crew for going above and beyond what is expected to ensure animals were being taken care of during the shut-off. Water shut offs will continue as the project progresses.

The perc tests have been completed at the business park. We are waiting on the bill so it can be paid, then the health department will sign and release the mylar so we can take it to the county for recording. We have accepted the bid from N.W. King & Sons for the remainder of the

infrastructure improvements. We should see some more buildings going up soon. This is what we need to start seeing some returns on this venture. Councilperson Westover asks if the vet offices are ever going to be built there. Mayor Hall answers that he has spoken to them, and it is doubtful due to turnover and ownership changes within the organization.

Council Reports:

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reports that the application to Division of Water Quality went in on June 29th for sewer project funds. Cache County still has not confirmed if they have \$25 million of ARPA funds to give to municipalities. Mayor Hall explains that he has talked with most and sent letters individually to all the Cache County Commissioners asking for a portion of those ARPA funds for our sewer project. \$2 million was requested, but Mayor Hall isn't sure if we'll receive 100% of that from Cache County. From his discussions, he feels that we should receive more than half of the requested amount.

The well and tank bid has been delayed due to working with the county and other projects demanding more time. The design has been completed, and after it goes to bid JUB will return to the plat for the well and tank and work with the county on that.

The Youth Council doesn't have any activities planned for the summer but did help with clean-up on the day after the Fourth of July celebration.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Arts Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reports that the Arts Council would love the City Council's support for the upcoming activities. On August 11th at 7:00 there will be a concert in the park featuring Rocky Mountain Express. The craft fair will be on September 24th from 10:00 to 4:00.

Paul Swainston is working with JUB on an extension to the cemetery. It is not a priority as they are working on the water and sewer projects, but it is planned.

We had an excellent turnout for all the events on the Fourth of July. The 2-night rodeo was a success and while there aren't numbers, it felt like a bigger crowd. Small hiccups with the parade included semis being allowed. The parade committee will do a better job keeping them out next year due to the size and making turns through the route creates opportunities for disastrous accidents. Councilmember Bodily questions where the breakdown was because this was discussed last year, and it was decided that there would be a length and a width limit on entrant vehicles. Councilmember Morrison says he is amazed at the number of kids, and parents telling kids to run out in front of vehicles to grab a piece of candy on the road. The vendors in the park went smoothly, and we will miss Kelly who has organized this event for the past ten years. The patriotic event went very well. The quilt and craft show were organized well, and we have received positive feedback. The new events were well attended.

Mayor Hall points out that next year the Fourth of July is on a Tuesday. He says that needs to be considered early on given the change to a 2-night rodeo before the Fourth of July. We don't foresee a Sunday and Monday night rodeo, so that needs to be looked at first thing for next year.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports that the theatre board has decided not to raise ticket prices, but instead raise the concession prices. He has asked the theatre manager, Rosie Williams, to look into what the prices need to change to so they can at least break even.

There are yield signs on 1st South and 2nd South that are being replaced with stop signs due to citizen concern and past accidents and many near accidents at these intersections.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reports that there will be a public hearing for the next P&Z meeting to discuss the cluster mini subdivisions in the ag zone to not require the platting. They will also need to re-work the commercial zone to separate downtown and allow multi-family living there but ensure that it is not allowed in the business park.

When work starts on the updated master plan, there needs to be consideration for more residential area. We may need to change zoning and create buildable areas that have access to sewer connections. We will also need to discuss the A-10 acreage requirements and decide if that needs to be changed.

Mayor Hall adds that next month all City Council and Planning & Zoning members will have their phone numbers in the city newsletter to encourage citizens to contact them and give input on the master plan

Fizz Bodily – Parks & Rec, Fire Department, CERT/Emergency Preparedness: Councilmember Bodily says there are five new employees on the fire department. The state legislature has made changes requiring fire departments to continue to provide counseling if needed to employees after they quit or retire. It is up to the city to decide the details on how long it is provided, and the criteria to qualify for extended counseling. We have a new VHF radio for the new brush truck, but we don't yet have the new brush truck, so this new radio is being temporarily installed in the old brush truck.

Another bid has been received for the sports court surfacing. It is for \$3 per square foot which would be a \$17,000 savings compared to the previous bid, but total would still be just over \$50,000. To help raise the funding needed to finish the sports court, Councilmember Bodily proposes selling benches to be installed at the courts. These benches would be personalized with the name of the donors. These would be offered at \$10,000 for a 6-foot bench, or \$15,000 for a 8-foot bench. The Council agrees that the benches would be a good fundraiser.

Adjourn: Councilmember Bodily motions to adjourn. Councilmember Simper seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for August 23rd, 2022.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

