

On November 18th, 2025, the Lewiston City Council meeting was held in the Lewiston City Clubroom at 29 South Main at 7:30pm. Mayor Hall, Council members Westover, Hyer, Simper, Morrison, Bodily, City Recorder Chris Barr, and City Treasurer Abel Herrera were present. Others present included Leeanna Bright, Brady Bodily, Leah Nielsen, Tara Saxton, Jamie Sanoski, and Ray Sanoski.

Mayor Jeff Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Councilmember Bodily led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and approval of the minutes of the October 21st, 2025 meeting.

Westover motioned to approve the minutes from October 21st meeting, seconded by Bodily. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Bodily motioned to open all three public hearings. Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Final Budget for FY25. Mayor Hall explained that the budget for the courts needed to be increased by \$900. Recorder budget increased \$500. Fire budget increased \$1000. Sports budget increased \$1000. The Fourth of July budget increased \$1000 for Park activities, \$3000 for parade, and \$16,000 for the rodeo. Theatre budget adjustments include concession purchases increased \$13,000, \$4,000 added to sales tax payables, and salaries added \$6,000, \$4,000 for equipment, and \$6,000 for film rentals. In the library, \$5,000 added for computer expenses, \$1,000 for fundraising, and \$4,000 for books. \$2,500 added for cemetery services. That totals \$68,900. To balance the budget, property tax revenue is increased \$28,900 and the RAPZ tax grant of \$40,000 is added.

\$528,000 of revenue over expenses will be allocated as follows: \$13,000 to emergency services, \$80,000 to streets for chip and seal, \$35,000 for the new restroom over by the sports courts, and \$400,000 to the new public works building project.

Westover motions to accept the budget adjustments as described. Bodily seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily: yes

Hyer: yes

Morrison: yes

Simper: yes

Westover: yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Adjustments to the current year budget (FY26). Mayor Hall explained that BRAG has not shown the ability to help Lewiston Planning & Zoning with the general plan update. The city engineers are able to help with this project. It is estimated at \$80-90 thousand that we should be able to get a grant to cover the cost of as long as we put \$10,000 towards it. Budget will be increased in Planning & Zoning by \$10,000 to go towards the general plan update. One of the city's snowplows is inoperable. A used replacement will cost about \$86,000. Budget to be increased in \$86,000 towards a replacement snowplow. To offset these adjustments, property tax budget will increase by \$30,000, sales tax budget will increase by \$40,000, \$15,000 increase to the transportation tax, Increase of \$11,000 to the fee-in-lieu budget.

Hyer motions to accept the budget adjustments for FY26. Simper seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily: yes

Hyer: yes

Morrison: yes

Simper: yes

Westover: yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – Master Fee Schedule updates including sewer rates and county 911 fees. Mayor Hall explained that the county had previously increased to the 911 fees to \$3.30 per resident and is set to increase 1% annually going forward. That change needs to be reflected in the fee schedule. Councilmember Bodily explained the base sewer rate needs to increase eventually to about \$100 per month per resident in order to show that we are in good faith collecting enough money to repay any funding we get to complete the sewer project. He proposed that the rate increases to \$75 from \$65.

Bodily motions to accept the changes to the 911 fees and sewer rate in the Master Fee Schedule. Morrison seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily: yes

Hyer: yes

Morrison: yes

Simper: yes

Westover: yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Bodily motioned to exit out of the three public hearings. Hyer seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and vote on 4-way stop at intersection of 800 West and 1600 South. Mayor Hall explained that since the intersections of 1600 South and Center and 1600 South and 1600 West were turned into 4-way stops he has had numerous residents asking for the intersection at 800 West and 1600 South to be changed to a 4-way stop. A discussion ensued about the pros and cons of adding another 4-way stop, including feedback from residents that council members have spoken with. Simper motioned to approve the 4-way stop at the intersection of 800 West and 1600 South. Morrison seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily: no

Hyer: no

Morrison: yes

Simper: yes

Westover: yes

Motion passed 3-2.

Election Canvass. Chris Barr reviewed the election results for the 2025 Municipal General Election. Results showed 555 ballots cast which was a 53.62% turnout. The race for Mayor yielded 316 votes for Brady Fizz Bodily compared to 235 for Jeffrey Wade Hall. Brady Bodily was voted as the new mayor.

The race for City Council yielded 332 voted for John Morrison, 256 votes for Jason Trexler, 184 votes for Jill Dent, 182 votes for Brook Hyer, and 80 write-in votes for Corynn Arehart. John Morrison and Jason Trexler were elected to the City Council. The terms for those elected will run from January of 2026 through December of 2029.

Councilmember Bodily motioned to accept the results of the election. Simper seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily: yes

Hyer: yes

Morrison: yes

Simper: yes

Westover: yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hall reported that the public works crew had been working to abandon the old steel water line coming from Kingsford Corner over to the Business Park that day. Council members have been given the Christmas gift certificates for employees and volunteers in the departments that they are over and were instructed to deliver those quickly with thanks for all that they do to help Lewiston in the different areas that they are in.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Jonna Westover reported that the Fire Department's tender truck needs repairs and will be out of service in January. Youth Council will be helping with Santa's visit on December 13th at 10:00 am.

Councilmember Brooke Hyer reported that the Library has hired a new Library Director, Sarah Peterson. The Events council will be hosting a cookie exchange followed by a Christmas light contest for Lewiston houses on December 8th.

Councilmember Simper had nothing to report.

Councilmember Morrison reported that Planning & Zoning is still discussing short-term rentals.

Councilmember Bodily mentioned that the budget has not been updated to include a line item for garbage collection for Cornish and EMS services. Abel Herrera is working with the city auditor to get those line items broken out and showing on the budget. Bodily reported that he has had a few people ask him about a house a few doors down from the park entrance on Center Street. He reported that the entire yard is covered in 3- to 4-foot-tall weeds. There are ordinances in place to prevent these situations from becoming a burden to the neighbors with possible mice infestations. Mayor Hall will look into it.

Adjourn

Councilmember Bodily motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hyer seconded. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

