

On February 17th, 2026, the Lewiston City Council meeting was held in the Lewiston City Clubroom at 29 South Main at 7:30pm. Mayor Bodily, Council members Westover, Trexler, Simper, Morrison, Bodily, City Recorder Chris Barr, City Treasurer Abel Herrera, Public Works Director Paul Swainston, and Assistant Public Works Director Brennan Hyer were present. Others present included Brandon Allen, Kirsti Kjome, Patricia Johnson, Leeanna Bright, Kimber Hall, Mark Gibbons, Jarred Glover, Autumn Mathews, Tara Saxton, Eric Summers, and CieAra Bodily.

Mayor Bodily called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Councilmember Westover shared updates on the Olympics and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and approval of the minutes of the January 20th, 2026 meeting.

Bodily motioned to approve the minutes from last month, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Resident Input. Autumn Mathews spoke as a representative of the Cache Water District. She explained a new program to help residents change to a drought-tolerant landscaping.

Kimber Hall questioned why the intersections on 1600 South at Main Street and 1600 West were turned into 4-way stops. He does not agree with that decision and wondered if there was a study done and if the signs were installed legally.

Mark Gibbons expressed his dislike of the 4-way stops on 1600 South because of the difficulties of driving farm equipment and having to stop.

Public Hearing – Master Fee Schedule – including City Property Rental Fees. Discussion and vote.

Bodily motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Morrison. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Bodily explained that current ballroom rentals are for the entire day. He proposed adding half-day rentals, with a fee of \$50 for a half-day, and \$75 for a full day for residents, keeping the deposit at \$100. For non-resident fees would stay at \$100 for a half-day, and \$150 for a full day, and a \$300 deposit. He also suggested having a sign made up to put at the sports court explaining that they would be closed between the Monday after Thanksgiving and the first Monday in Spring.

Bodily motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Bodily motioned to adopt the fee schedule as discussed, seconded by Westover. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Allen, Drainage District #6, discussion. Brandon Allen explained that a culvert on south Main will need to be replaced soon. He proposed that if the city would supply the pipe, Drainage District 6 would provide the equipment and labor for replacement. Sixty feet of 36-inch pipe would cost roughly \$3000. No action taken by the Council.

1600 South 800 West 3-way stop. Discussion and vote. Mayor Bodily explained that he has had a few people tell him that their views were misrepresented previously about the vote to add stop signs, so he wanted to open a discussion before the signs were installed.

Kirst Kjome stated that she lives near the intersection of 1600 South and 1600 West and the newer stop signs and speed limit signs installed there are treated like a suggestion, not the law. She does not support more stop signs at the intersection.

Eric Summers stated that he is a proponent of stop signs at 800 West and 1600 South. There are visibility problems due to a fence at that intersection, compounded by the setting sun. His experience of living near the intersection is that it is an autobahn between Main Street and 1600 West as there are many instances of high-speed vehicle travel.

Kimber Hall again stated that he wanted to make sure that these decisions to install stop signs are done legally according to city code, state law, and federal law, not just because somebody wants a stop sign.

Jarred Glover stated that he was in favor of the 4-way stop at Main Street and 1600 South, because the Sheriff's Department suggested that one, but they did not suggest any others.

Brennan Hyer said that he thinks the 4-way stop at Main and 1600 South has been the best thing as he lives at that intersection.

Mayor Bodily reported that John Dent and John Nielsen who live at the 800 West 1600 South intersection are against the stop signs. Thayne Mickelson and Jill Dent are for the stop signs. He also received one other text message from an unknown person who supports adding the stop signs.

Bodily motioned to rescind the earlier vote to install the stop signs (at 800 West and 1600 South) temporarily until the council has a better view of what can and can't be done, seconded by Westover. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Adopting State or County burn bans without additional council action, discussion and vote. Mayor Bodily explained the city needs to adopt the state and/or county burn restrictions without the council having to additionally take action to enforce the bans. A fee for violating the burn bans will need to be added to the Master Fee Schedule, and an ordinance passed to make this happen.

RAPZ tax projects, discussion and possible vote. Westover explained that last year the city applied for RAPZ funds to surface the sport courts and build a restroom near them. The city was awarded \$35,000 for the surfacing which was bid at \$55,000 and that job is complete. The city was also awarded \$56,000 towards the restrooms which were bid at about \$168,000. That project has not started. Recipients have three years to use the awarded funds or they lose them. Westover said she has 2 weeks to submit requests this year for RAPZ funds and asked the council what project she should apply for. Some ideas were discussed including more funds for the restrooms, and repair and improvement of the parking lot adjacent to the sport courts and playground.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Bodily had nothing else to report that wasn't already discussed.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Jonna Westover asked for possible parade Grand Marshal names. Gil Hyer, Dr. Hirst, and Mark Blair were discussed. She reported that the fire department had their banquet recently. Brennan Hyer was promoted to Deputy Chief and also won EMT of the year. Cody Hyer and Mark Arehart were promoted to Captain and training officers in the fire department. Corynn Arehart was promoted to Captain and lead EMS training officer. Nathan Olson was promoted to Captain and assistant EMS training officer and will also be over public education. Jake Johnson was awarded firefighter of the year. Howard Creger received his 5-year recognition. Danielle Rogers received her 10-year recognition. Nathan Olson received his 15-year recognition.

Councilmember Jason Trexler reported the library has a \$3000 grant and they are working on getting new books. Mayor Bodily reported that they've been working with the County and Bear river Health Department on providing a way forward for repair and upgrades of existing septic systems in Zone 2, while protecting the city from having new systems allowed in the zone.

Councilmember Simper reported that the Rodeo committee will meet in the next week to start preparing for the 4th of July. A rabies clinic will be held on February 28th.

Councilmember Morrison reported that Planning & Zoning has about completed the ordinance draft for short-term rentals. When it is ready there will be a public hearing about that.

Councilmember Bodily reported that baseball sign-ups will be starting soon. An online registration form will be online.

Adjourn to closed meeting to discuss possible real estate transaction.

Councilmember Bodily motioned to adjourn to a closed session, seconded by Councilmember Simper. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene

Councilmember Bodily motioned to close the closed session, seconded by Councilmember Simper. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Bodily motioned to allow the Mayor to contact the landowner about a possible purchase of their land, seconded by Councilmember Simper. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Councilmember Bodily motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Trexler. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

