

On March 17th, 2026, the Lewiston City Council and Public Hearing meeting was held in the Lewiston City Clubroom at 29 South Main at 7:30pm. Mayor Bodily, Council members Westover, Simper, Morrison, Bodily, City Recorder Chris Barr, Public Works Director Paul Swainston, and Assistant Public Works Director Brennan Hyer were present. Others present included Kirsti Kjome, Stacy Hayes, and Brantly Hayes.

Mayor Bodily called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and excused Councilmember Trexler. Councilmember Simper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and approval of the minutes of the February 17th, 2026 meeting.

Simper motioned to approve the minutes from the February 17th meeting as stated, seconded by F. Bodily. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Resident Input. None

Public Hearing – Master Fee Schedule – including Fire Ban Violation, and Library Fees. Discussion and vote.

F. Bodily motioned to open the public hearing for the master fee schedule fire ban violation and library fees, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bodily explained that they need to establish a fee for violation of the burn ban so it can be enforced. He also explained that the library fees should be removed from the city's fee schedule because the library board is a governing body and controls their own fees.

Mayor Bodily explained the burn ban fees in other cities range from thousands of dollars to a hundred dollars.

F. Bodily motioned to close the public hearing on the burn ban and fee schedule, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Bodily motioned to open the Master Fee Schedule, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Bodily motioned to apply a \$250 fine for violation of fire restrictions and bans. Westover seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Simper motioned to remove the library fees from the Master Fee Schedule. Seconded by Morrison. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Bodily motioned to close the fee schedule with the voted-on changes, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 26-01, fire restrictions and outdoor burning. Discussion and vote.

Westover motioned to open the public hearing for Ordinance 26-01, fire restrictions and outdoor burning, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bodily explained that the ordinance will allow the city to automatically adopt any burn bans or restrictions issued by any agency with the authority to do so within the County.

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

F. Bodily motioned to adopt ordinance 26-01 as stated, seconded by Westover. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

New Library Board members, Jason Trexler and Deborah Nelson Williams. Discussion and vote.

Westover motioned to put Jason Trexler and Deborah Nelson Williams onto the Library Board, seconded by F. Bodily. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

New Events Council members, Amy Johnson and Jenny Tanner. discussion and vote.

F. Bodily motioned to put Amy Johnson and Jenny Tanner onto the Events Council, seconded by Westover. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Jonna Westover as Vice Mayor. Discussion and vote. F. Bodily motioned to appoint Jonna Westover as the Vice Mayor, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report.

- 4th of July coordinator – Mayor Bodily explained that he wants to create a position for somebody to be over the fundraising for all the activities associated with the 4th of July. The Council discussed names of possible individuals to fill this role. Councilmember Westover will contact individuals about filling this role.
- Rodeo Tickets will be addressed by Councilmember Simper

Mayor Bodily said that next month there will be a discussion on a resolution about fundraising. He asked the council members to review their department budgets and let him know if there are any changes requested.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Jonna Westover reported that the Youth Council will be hosting the Eater egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th. She also mentioned that the Youth Council is always looking for members. She has received confirmation that the RAPZ Tax funding requests have been received. Nothing has been awarded yet.

Councilmember Jason Trexler was absent.

Councilmember Simper reported that the mosquito abatement issued a press release encouraging people to get their horses vaccinated against West Nile Virus.

Last year Lewiston spent \$12,000 to have the rodeo put on. They also contributed an additional \$8,000 in additional prize money. This year the stock contractor has agreed to not charge the contestants fees, but his price is going to be raised to \$20,000. Last year we brought in \$11,800 in ticket sales. Last year, ticket prices were \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, or a family pass for \$20. With the price increase of the stock contractor, the council recommended tickets be \$10 per person, age five and under free, no family pass. They are also looking at pre-sale tickets in the city office. These decisions will be made by the rodeo committee.

Councilmember Morrison reported that Planning & Zoning has about completed the ordinance draft for short-term rentals. It will go to the city attorney for review. When it is ready there will be a public hearing, and then it will come to the council for approval.

Councilmember Bodily reported that the Events Council is holding a Spring Fling dance on Saturday, March 21st. The Events Council would like to meet at 6:00 p.m., next month the meeting schedule resolution will need to be amended. The Health and Safety Fair is in the planning stages, scheduled for June 3rd. baseball sign-ups will be starting soon. An online registration form will be online.

Adjourn

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



Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder