

On June 16th, 2026, the Lewiston City Council meeting and Public Hearing was held in the Lewiston City Clubroom at 29 South Main at 7:30pm. Council members Trexler, Simper, Bodily, City Recorder Chris Barr, Public Works Director Paul Swainston, and Assistant Public Works Director Brennan Hyer were present. Others present included CieAra Bodily, Kirsti Kjome, Patricia Johnson, and Julia Cloud.

Mayor Bodily called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers Morrison and Westover were excused. Councilmember F. Bodily led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and approval of the minutes of the May 19th, 2026 meeting.

F. Bodily motioned to accept the minutes as stated, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Resident Input. None.

Public Hearing – Presentation of Budget for Fiscal Year 27 (7/1/26 - 6/30/27).

F. Bodily motioned to open the public hearing for the fiscal budget year 2026 through 2027. Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bodily explained that the budget was presented the previous month. Money was taken out of the theatre budget because they had to replace a failed ice machine. That money was put into building expenses. A \$1000 budget was put under the fire department education budget for the Safety Fair. The accounts for the Lewiston Children's Theater were created under the Events Council. An account for the CLEF and miscellaneous grants was established under the library. Accounts needed under the cemetery were created.

F. Bodily motioned to close the public hearing. Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote on Approval of Budget for Fiscal Year 27

F. Bodily motioned to approve the budget for FY 2027. Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

4th of July activities updates.

Mayor Bodily inquired said more help is needed in contacting donors. Landon Hansen has tripled the size of his flag. It will be put up on Center Street as a backdrop to the stage in the park. The flyover has been fully approved, but the volunteer pilots have not set a final flight plan yet. He played the advertisement that will be run on the radio

Trexler reported that the events have volunteers in place, and he estimated about 50 vendors have registered for the park.

Simper inquired about wristbands for the rodeo. The office will check to make sure there is still enough for this year.

Mayor Bodily reported for Morrison that the convertible for the Grand Marshals has been arranged. Trucks have been secured from West Motor, and Evan Hall will be doing the announcing.

Mayor's Report.

- Mayor Bodily reported that he has switched to Caselle Online. This will keep the city from having to buy a new server. It will also provide unlimited logins so departments can better track their budgets. Payment processing will move to Caselle, as Caselle and Xpress Bill Pay are no longer partners. This will also give the office access to online forms where payments can be taken.

- Mayor Bodily met with the Little Red organizers. They discussed keeping the riders no more than two wide so that vehicle traffic was less impacted.
- The fire department recently did a training with their new extrication equipment.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Westover was absent.

Councilmember Trexler reported that the city recently had an inspection from the State on the water system and everything was good. The library hired someone to fill the part-time opening. Mayor Bodily reported that the garbage expenses were increasing 4% per the contract. The Master Fee Schedule will be opened next month to look at possible fee changes.

Councilmember Simper mentioned that he had seen signs for the closing of the bridge to Trenton until the end of September.

Councilmember Morrison was absent.

Councilmember F. Bodily reported that the recent concert in the park was attended by 50-60 people. The Health & Safety Fair was well attended and well supported by the vendors. He is waiting for some bids to come back on the restrooms for the sports courts.

Adjourn

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

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

