

On August 18th, 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, and Public Works Director Brennan Hyer were present. Others present included Kirsti Kjome, Patricia Johnson, Leanna Bright, Vern Fielding, and CieAra Bodily.

Opening Business & Ceremonies

Mayor Bodily called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Bodily. Councilmember Westover help a moment of silence for those fighting fires currently and those we've lost so far. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance. No resident comments.

Consent Agenda

Trexler motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Business & Presentations

Councilmember Department Reports

Councilmember Westover reminded everyone of the fire station open house on September 12th. New additions to the crew include Lance Robinson, Trevyn Arehart, Rod Hammer, and Jackson Gibbons. Tony Blau has been made Assistant Chief over EMS.

Councilmember Trexler reported the library is finishing up with the calendar orders.

Councilmember Simper had nothing to report.

Councilmember Morrison reported that Planning & Zoning is scheduling review and work on the Master Plan. The short-term rental ordinance has been reviewed by the attorney, and they may have the public hearing for it at the next Planning & Zoning meeting.

Councilmember F. Bodily reported the new expansion area for the cemetery should get sprayed this fall and work on leveling and preparing the land can happen next spring. The Events Council had the concert in the park with the Holt family. The City Party and firefighter recruitment are scheduled for September 12th from 5:30 to 7:00.

Mayor's Report

- Caselle Online Dashboard Demo. Mayor Bodily explained that we are now online with Caselle, and in a couple months the online billing will be setup with Caselle. This will eliminate a lot of the manual processes that are currently in place using Xpress BillPay. He then showed a demonstration of the new dashboards that will be available to council members and department heads so they can access and view budgets and expenditures.
- Discussion – Cemetery Resident Definition and Property Ownership. Mayor Bodily spoke to somebody who wanted the policy on the definition of a resident changed when it comes to purchasing graves at resident pricing. Mayor Bodily explained that Lewiston currently follows the Sate definition which is that a person resides and votes as a resident of that city. In his research he has found that about half of the municipalities use that definition and the other half define it as somebody who owns land and pays taxes in that city. After discussion, there was no move by the council to change how it has been in the past. Mayor Bodily will work on a written policy defining a resident and end of life care.

Legislative & Fiscal Items

Discussion and vote on Employee Handbook Policy Update. Mayor Bodily handed out and exempt employee compensation addendum to be added to the employee handbook. Currently there is only one exempt employee, but there is no policy for overtime or compensation time. This addendum allows pay/time at the mayor's discretion and subject to the available budget. F. Bodily motioned to approve the exempt employee additional compensation and compensatory time form, seconded by Westover. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Action & Discussion Items

Appoint Public Works Director. Mayor Bodily appointed Brennan Hyer as the Public Works Director. F. Bodily motioned to approve the appointment of Brennan Hyer as the Public Works Director, seconded by Simper. Roll call vote:

F. Bodily – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Trexler – yes

Westover – yes

All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

Westover moved to move into a closed session, seconded by Simper. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene. Possible vote on purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

F. Bodily motioned to reconvene the meeting, seconded by Trexler. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Bodily motioned to go forward with the proposed purchase, seconded by Simper. Roll call vote:

F. Bodily – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Trexler – yes

Westover – yes

All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

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

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder