

Welcome and Roll Call:

Meeting begins at 7:30. Mayor Hall welcomes everybody. Councilmember Simper is asked to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance include Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember Ned Simper, Councilmember John Morrison, Councilmember Brooke Hyer, Councilmember Fizz Bodily, Councilmember Westover, Mary Simpson (Treasurer), Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Paul Swainston (Public Works Director), Dan Dukeman.

Opening Remarks:

Mayor Hall reminds everybody that the 4th of July is coming up quickly. He also mentions that Lewiston City is very busy with the water and sewer projects and securing funds. The office is bombarded daily with questions from people about what they can do with land.

Open Comment Period: No comments.

Business on Agenda:

Approval of minutes and expenses. Mayor Hall asks the council if the minutes look like they represent the meeting they attended last month. Councilmember Hyer makes a motion to accept the minutes as stated, Councilmember Simper seconds the motion. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Hall asks the Council if there are any questions on the expenses as shown. There are no questions. Councilmember Simper makes a motion to accept the expenses as stated. Councilmember Hyer seconds. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passes.

AllTech Contract. Mayor Hall explains that he has met with Jeff Young from AllTech, and they were able to make a few changes to improve the overall security of the city's network. There are many risks that must be addressed when working with a network. A quote has been prepared with the contract outlining the services AllTech provides. The price has gone up compared to previous years, that is expected in this economic climate.

Councilmember Bodily makes a motion to approve the contract with AllTech. Councilmember Hyer seconds. Councilmember Morrison questions if we have got any bids from other companies. There is not currently anybody else that anybody can think of, AllTech specializes in working with municipalities. There is some feedback about things that have not been completed or aren't working. Mayor Hall asks for a list to be made so he can discuss these things with AllTech.

Purchase of lot from Bill Wright. Mayor Hall explains that there is some confusion as to what the agreement is that was originally made with Bill Wright. We have gone back to review the meeting, but that month there was some technical difficulties, and a recording was not made. All we have to go by are the minutes from that meeting, which do not say a price was agreed upon.

For years the city has wanted to buy the lot and thought they had a right-of-way through it. A drain line and box were installed in the property. The council advised Bill Wright to get the property appraised. Now that appraisal has come in at \$134,000. Mayor Hall feels that the city has committed to buy that property throughout the past discussion and by installing a drain line.

Councilmember Westover asks why the city is so interested in buying the lot. Mayor Hall explains that 100 West currently ends at that lot but would continue through as part of the master plan for future development.

Councilmember Bodily motions to purchase the lot at the appraised price. Councilmember Westover seconds. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Bodily: Yes

Councilmember Hyer: No

Councilmember Morrison: Yes

Councilmember Simper: Yes

Councilmember Westover: Yes

Majority vote 4-1 in favor. Motion carries.

JUB – Marcus Simons – Water/Sewer Update/Business Park. Mayor Hall explains that Mr. Simons has said he is happy to come out to our city council meeting and that there are no extra charges for him to do so. Mayor Hall told Mr. Simons that unless there are new changes since the previous meeting, he doesn't need to be present.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hall, Marcus Simons, and Paul Swainston met with USDA on May 10th at the distribution center. All is going well there, and they will continue working on it until they run out of parts and materials that are on backorder. For the well project, we are trying to get the play signed by Cache County. Mayor Hall will be meeting with Richmond mayor, Mayor Erickson to give him a tour of the project since the property is jointly owned by both cities.

Today, May 17th, Mayor Hall, John Morrison, Paul Swainston, Marcus Simons, and a couple others were on a conference call with DWQ discussing a possible principle forgiveness award.

Mayor Hall is working with city treasurer, Mary Simpson, looking over finances and the sewer fund run rate. They are seeing if the city can afford to borrow another 1.6 million dollars which would procure a \$400,000 grant for \$2 million in total. This would allow the project to be completed in its entirety.

If that scenario is not possible, breaking the project down and just starting with the sewer lagoon portion will be the next option.

The Business Park phase 3 is almost complete. City council approved it last month and the city is currently waiting for the final plat to be prepared from JUB so all parties can sign off on it. Mayor Hall wants everybody on the same page, and if calls come in about purchasing lots out

there, we need to send all the calls to Sid Roderer so there is not confusion about who said what the price was, or the conditions were.

Next month we will vote on the lease for the lawnmower. We get this through Buttar's Tractor for \$3000 a year.

Council Reports:

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reports that water and sewer have already been covered. The youth council did not meet this month due to graduation, but next month they will meet to discuss the 4th of July.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Arts Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer says the 4th of July committee will be meeting again on May 24th and again twice in June to make sure all of the committees are on track. Nothing new for the cemetery, but Paul Swainston brings up the need for a new groundskeeper there. He says we need to find a way to advertise for that. The Arts Council would like support in making sure their upcoming activities are well attended. There will be a concert in the park on June 19th, and the health and safety fair is coming up, too.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports that the library is still in need of a working printer. Mary Simpson points out that that is part of the CARES Act money, but we will need to follow up with Alltech and find out what is going on there.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reports that Seth Tait came out to the most recent Planning & Zoning meeting and met with the commission for an hour beforehand for training. They learned that there some changes that need to be made, including not handling and approving some items as they've done in the past. There will be changes made in the code concerning mini subdivisions and cluster subdivisions to clear up and simplify the city code. Planning & Zoning is to mainly handle zoning questions and issues. Building codes come from the state, and fire code comes from the county.

The county fire department would like for Lewiston to tell people that are buying in the business park that they are going to need to put in a sprinkler system in their buildings. Mayor Hall says that the city engineer (JUB, Marcus Simons) rarely hears from anybody that is building out there. Their engineers should be calling the city engineer and working with them, especially when it concerns fire protection. It is decided that a letter will be drafted encouraging buyers to review the fire code so that they aren't surprised with the extra cost of sprinkling their building after they have bought land.

Fizz Bodily – Parks & Rec, Fire Department, CERT/Emergency Preparedness: Councilmember Bodily reminds everybody that Little Red Bike Race is coming to Lewiston on the first weekend in June. T-ball and coach-pitch baseball are on the way. Lewiston has two t-ball teams and four coach-pitch teams. The sports court is 16,758.5 square feet. The one quote we've received on coating that is \$4 per square foot. That would cost \$67,034. Padlocks have been removed from the basketball standards after a complaint from a Lewiston resident.

Councilmember Bodily asks the council where we are on the annexation of Casper's. Mayor Hall responds that the process has been laid out, and he has spoken with Scott Pratt who says it is coming along. The sale of Casper's has put the annexation on the back burner for a bit.

Adjourn:

Councilmember Bodily makes a motion to adjourn, Councilmember Westover seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for June 21, 2022.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

