

Welcome and Roll Call:

Meeting begins at 7:30. Mayor Hall welcomes everybody and reads a paragraph about what the pledge of allegiance stands for. He then leads all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and offers a prayer.

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

Opening Remarks:

Mayor Hall questions why we approve expenses. In all of the other Council meetings he has attended for other municipalities, expenses are not reviewed or approved. He asks Chris Barr to investigate why Lewiston does this. He encourages council members to stay involved and check on the expenses that are being paid but does not think it needs to be a line item on the agenda moving forward.

Councilmember Morrison is excused due to prior commitments.

Business on Agenda:

1. Review and approval of minutes. Mayor Hall asks the council if the minutes look like they represent the meeting they attended last month. Councilmember Bodily makes a motion to accept the minutes as stated, Councilmember Simper seconds the motion. Roll call vote results in all in favor, except for Councilmember Westover who abstains because she was absent from that meeting. Motion passes.

2. Review and Approval of expenses. Councilmember Hyer asks if any of the Alltech expenses were related to the break-in on September 1st. Chris Barr responds that there have been no additional expenses from Alltech thus far. Councilmember Simper makes a motion to accept the expenses as stated, Councilmember Hyer seconds the motion. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Resident input. No comments from the public.

4. Vote on Resolution 22-004 – Accepting Cub River Bottoms annexation petition for review. Mayor Hall explains that last month the council voted to accept the petition for annexation of the Cub River Bottoms area for further review. We have since learned that we need to that by resolution to make it legal. Mayor Hall explains that nothing has changed with the annexation and the resolution covers the exact same area as voted on last month. Councilmember Bodily motions to approve Resolution 22-004. Councilmember Simper seconds. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Library Board new member name(s) presented for approval. Councilmember Simper motions to approve Melissa Keller as a member of the library board. This recommendation comes from Beth Anne Creager, Library Director. Councilmember Hyer seconds. Roll call vote. Councilmember Bodily abstains, all others vote yes. Motion passes.

6. Other Business. Jeremy Broadhurst explains that he has a property under contract in the Business Park development, and this is part of his due diligence. He issues a packet to each of the council members outlining his business model of self-storage using shipping containers. He summarizes the plans and asks if the council has any questions or concerns. Councilmember Hyer asks about the aesthetics of the shipping containers and how they would comply with the CCR's in place at the Business Park. Mr. Broadhurst explains that he has another established self-storage facility in Hyrum using the same model. They initially had the same concern. He explains that when the containers are in place and all the same color, they have the same appearance as any brick-and-mortar facility. There are no other concerns voiced by the council. Mayor Hall wishes Mr. Broadhurst the best of luck.

7. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Mayor Hall: The SCADA contract is signed. Marcus Simons is still waiting to hear back from USDA to move forward with the well project. Water rights still need to be moved. We will be watering the sports complex with the test well, due in part to Casper's pond drying up. We are due for the Griffin well source protection plan update. Mr. Simons will be taking care of that. The distribution projects will resume mid-November at the earliest.

We have a \$8 million loan from the bank that we are required to pay interest on. The funds to pay this loan are not released until the project is complete.

Mayor Hall went before DWQ last month to request \$2.15 million for the sewer project. They reviewed the documents presented and didn't agree with our engineer's calculations for the contingency. They wanted the request to be for \$2.55 million. The documents were revised and re-submitted. They will be meeting again this week and are expected to decide on 9/28 as to whether they will award those funds to us in the form of a grant. Mr. Simons says that if we get that grant, they are ready to go to bid the next day.

Lots are selling at the business park in phase 3. There is construction going on in phase 2 but there is no power yet. We are waiting on two light poles to be installed before Rocky Mountain will bring power in. The road and water pipe are being installed in phase 3.

We had a wonderful city party with better attendance than recent years. Mayor Hall thanks all those who participated and volunteered their services to make it happen.

CVTD is changing their route to include service to Presto beginning October 1st.

Due to the break-in at the city office on September 1st, we have sent out a letter and are encouraging everybody who can, to make their payments electronically. If residents use Xpress bill pay, the payments are linked to their account and saves the office time in applying those payments. On the advice from our auditor, Matt Regan, we will be holding monthly drawings to incentivize electronic payments. The prizes will be gift cards to local Lewiston businesses.

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reports that the youth council did not show up to help with the city picnic. Only one person who showed up.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Arts Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reports that next month the council will be voting on whether to do a 2-night rodeo or a night & day rodeo for next year's 4th of July. The Arts Council will be holding the annual craft fair this weekend on September 22nd.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports that there has been some concern about being seen at the crosswalk at Center and Main. He has reached out to UDOT. They will be doing a study to see if a push-button light is needed at that crosswalk. The library plans to do the escape room fundraiser using the old pre-school room upstairs above the city office. They will be doing this on a trial basis on specific dates coinciding with Sky View activities such as dances. A library board member will be present in the room the entire time. Paul Swainston voices concern about fire egress safety. Once in that room, the only exit is back down the hall and down a narrow flight of stairs. Mayor Hall suggests that they need to check with our Fire Chief before going ahead with this fundraiser in that location.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison is absent tonight.

Fizz Bodily – Parks & Rec, Fire Department, CERT/Emergency Preparedness: Councilmember Bodily reports that he still needs to get with the fire chief and discuss the bylaws concerning the extension of counseling for fire fighters and EMTs after they leave the job. The fire department is still waiting on the new brush truck.

8. Adjourn. Councilmember Bodily motions to adjourn to an executive session. Councilmember Hyer seconds. All in favor. Roll call vote results in unanimous approval. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for October 18th, 2022.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

