

Welcome and Roll Call:

The meeting begins at 7:30. Councilmember Morrison summarizes a video about Buzz Williams, head coach of Virginia Tech basketball. In the video, Coach Williams brings in a group of Veterans to sit in front of the athletes and explains that as players they have worked really hard, but they don't deserve to sit in the chairs. As a coach, he doesn't deserve to sit in the chairs. As Veterans, those people do deserve to sit in the chairs because of what they've done for the country. Coach Williams then instructs his team that when the national anthem is played, they will stand and put one hand over their heart to show respect for the flag and veterans who serve this country. Councilmember Morrison leads those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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), Amy Prestwich, Keri Parr, Nancy Pitcher.

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 Westover makes a motion to accept the minutes as stated, Councilmember Hyer seconds the motion. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Resident input. Nancy Pitcher addresses the council to ask about the garbage and recycling programs, when it is switching, and where that process is. Mayor Hall explains that last month the council voted to accept a bid from Econo Waste. The current contract with Logan goes through June 30, and the new contract with Econo Waste will begin on July 1, 2023. Lewiston will be buying all garbage and recycling cans that are at residences at that time from Logan at \$35 per can. Last month the council voted 4-1 to do away with the recycling program, so the blue cans will be used as garbage cans as needed. Mayor Hall explains that recycling isn't happening right now, even though many residents are separating refuse into two different cans. The recycling center is too backed up as is, and as the furthest municipality from the recycling center, Lewiston's recyclables are not even being taken there.

3. Vote on accepting water bid project. Mayor Hall explains that the winning water bid came in at \$3,633,737.23 from Spindler Construction. That amount is within the range expected, and we have the funding to accept that bid. This will cover the million-gallon storage tank at Cub River, the building at Cub River to house the pumps and back-up generator with propane tank, and upgrades at Griffin well. Councilmember Bodily motions to accept the bid. Councilmember Westover seconds. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Vote on moving some fire department items to surplus. Councilmember Bodily explains that Chief Johnson has a few items that are not being used and they would like to get rid of them. These items include a 50" Streethawk lightbar, an old Hale brand fire pump, an electric-start gas-powered 16 horsepower exhaust primer, and a Vanguard 16 horsepower v-twin

belt-driven fire pump. Councilmember Hyer motions to move these items to surplus. Councilmember Bodily seconds. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Other business. No other business to discuss.

6. Mayor's Report.

Mayor Hall inquires where we are with getting the two phones we talked about last month. Paul Swainston explains that in talking with Nathan Olsen, they are going with the existing phone system we already have by making some changes to cover the emergency part of it. By calling the city and selecting option 3, residents will be able to leave a message that will be forwarded to public works. Mary Simpson reports that she has talked to Nathan Olsen as well, and they will be sourcing a couple tablets to be used as needed take Venmo and BlueSquare payments.

The annexation is moving forward. We are currently in our 30-day period as required to allow anybody to voice an objection.

At the business park, things are going smoothly. The water line was installed without problems. Comcast has contacted the engineer and would like to put in fiber optics. This would be done at no cost to the city. Mayor Hall has checked with our auditor, Matt Regen, to see if there is any way to collect money from the storage unit business(es) in the business park. He is looking into that and seeing what state law allows.

The sewer project has gone to bid. The city was awarded a \$1 million grant from DWQ, as well as a \$400,000 loan at 0%. USDA has said they will cover any overage. We hope to get going on that soon. Bids will be accepted until and opened in the first part of December.

We are looking for another employee in the office. Applications will be accepted until November 28th, and then Mayor Hall and the council will work to narrow those down and set up interviews. We hope to offer that job by mid-December with an anticipated start date of early January.

The council is asked to review the list of employees that will be receiving Christmas gift cards from the city.

The crosswalk at Center and Main is extremely dark. Paul Swainston has been asked to get with Rocky Mountain Power and get a work order started to get a light installed at that intersection.

Mayor Hall expresses concern about the speed of traffic in Lewiston. There are five main places that he has received complaints about. These include east Center and west Center, which is a state road. Mayor Hall has contacted them to request that it be a no passing zone until about 400 west, instead of only 100 west as it currently is. He also asked them to consider lowering the speed limit there through town. The next two places of concern are north Main and south Main. This road Lewiston can control the speed limit on. He asks the council to consider the 30-mph speed zone and possibly extending it, because our residential area has extended since those were established. There are people walking on those roads because we do not have sidewalks in those areas. The fifth area is 1600 West between Center and 1600 South. A lot of people are walking on that road. These roads were built a long time ago when trucks were smaller, and they are sometimes not wide enough to accommodate two trucks wide.

Councilmember Morrison suggests roundabouts as an option where stop signs are being run. Pros and cons are discussed amongst the council. The consensus is that roundabouts are not a viable option at this time.

7. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reports that Santa will be visiting Lewiston on December 10th. The youth council will be setting up for that before he arrives.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Arts Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reports her research concerning cemetery fees across municipalities in the county. Research shows that Lewiston's price per grave is a little higher than average, but the grave opening fees are lower than average. Councilmember Hyer has also looked at the possibility of getting a grant for cemetery growth. There are no grants available for municipality owned cemeteries.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports that the escape rooms have booked enough appointments that they will turn a profit now.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reports that Planning & Zoning is working on the master plan. They will be getting public input in the next meeting.

Fizz Bodily – Parks & Rec, Fire Department, CERT/Emergency Preparedness: Councilmember Bodily reports that the fire department is getting the brush truck put together. A fleet number is in progress of being obtained.

Hansen Locksmith deals in the lock boxes to put on commercial units for firefighter use that were previously discussed. They offer two different styles. For \$98 they have a special key made specifically for you. The cheaper one at \$78 uses a standard key that anybody could make copies of. Councilmember Bodily suggest that we come up with a specified location where businesses would be expected to install them. Paul Swainston brings up a concern over what liability does that put the city in to have a key that gives somebody access to any business in town. Mayor Hall will discuss this with Chief Johnson and our attorney.

Councilmember Bodily is still working on a letter with Kelly Field to sell benches and raise money for the sports court. The nets have been taken down for the season.

Mayor Hall says that TEC Electric has been contacted to work on the sports court lighting.

8. Adjourn to closed executive session.

Councilmember Bodily motions to adjourn to an executive session. Councilmember Hyer seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for December 20th, 2022.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder