

Welcome and Roll Call:

The meeting begins at 7:30. Councilmember Simper Councilmember Simper shares a quote from Ronald Reagan and 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, Mary Simpson (Treasurer), Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Paul Swainston (Public Works Director). Councilmember Fizz Bodily is excused.

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

2. Public Hearings.

At 7:32 Councilmember Westover makes a motion to open the public hearings. Councilmember Hyer seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Resolution 23-01 Master Fee Schedule for 2023 The fee schedule for next year does show some changes. Mayor Hall highlights some of these as follows: Beer Licenses up substantially, dog licenses are up to cover the administrative costs and to incentive people to get it taken care of on time before the fee doubles. "Public works fees" will be changed to "solid waste fees". ¾" water base rate is up to \$35 from \$31.33. Other sizes have gone up to whole dollar increments. Overage rates have gone to an even cent (two decimal places). There are no cemetery fee changes at this time, but Mayor Hal has asked Councilmember Hyer to look into the cost of providing plots. The utility deposit is now a flat \$200 for all new accounts.

Councilmember Westover inquires why the cost of dog licensing is going up if we're not enforcing those ordinances. Mayor Hall explains that County Animal Control is still helping to get people to license their dogs. The cost increase is to cover the administration of the program. Mayor Hall wants everybody to understand that the increase is not so the city can make money. The income helps to cover the cost of having an animal control program.

Mayor Hall explains that the city got a letter from Cache County referencing a state law that was passed last December that prevents them from enforcing our animal control ordinances. We are waiting for more information to figure out where to go with this development.

Ordinance 22-01 Annexing parcels of Cherry Creek Investments, Central Milling, and KPR, "Cub River Bottoms" This ordinance is the final local step to approve the pending annexation. Parcels will be brought into Lewiston as they are currently zoned with Cache County. The next step will be sending this to the Lieutenant Governor's office.

Ordinance 22-02 Defining Significant Real Property and Reasonable Notice before disposition Mayor Hall explains that this ordinance is required in order to sell any real

property the city owns. As written, the ordinance defines significant real property as a parcel over \$80,000, which would require a public hearing before it could be sold.

At 8:05 Councilmember Westover makes a motion to close the public hearings. Councilmember Hyer seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Resolution 23-01 Master Fee Schedule for 2023: Councilmember Hyer makes a motion to accept the minutes as stated, Councilmember Simper seconds the motion. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Ordinance 22-01 Annexing parcels of Cherry Creek Investments, Central Milling, and KPR, "Cub River Bottoms": 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.

Ordinance 22-02 Defining Significant Real Property and Reasonable Notice before disposition: Councilmember Simper makes a motion to accept the minutes as stated, Councilmember Morrison seconds the motion. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Zina Davis – need for an additional crossing guard. Did not show.

4. Discussion and possible vote on sale of City owned real estate parcels 09-025-0033 and 09-013-0012. Mayor Hall has received an offer for the parcel on Sugar Lane, 09-025-0033, for \$20,000. Mayor Hall waited to present this offer until Planning & Zoning decided on if there was a need for a road to ever be built going north starting with that parcel. The P&Z commission met and voted unanimously that Lewiston does not need to hold onto that parcel for a future road. Councilmember Westover motions to approve the sale of parcel 09-025-0033 for \$20,000. Councilmember Morrison seconds. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Bodily: absent

Councilmember Hyer: No

Councilmember Morrison: Yes

Councilmember Simper: Yes

Councilmember Westover: Yes

Motion passes 3-1.

Parcel 09-013-0012 in on north Main Street. It is currently being used by public works to park some equipment, but the building is dilapidated and unusable. Mayor Hall has had some discussions with adjacent property owners and hopes to bring an offer to the council next month.

5. Discussion and possible vote on changes to speed limits. Mayor Hall begins discussion on speed limits in Lewiston. He has had multiple concerns voiced to him about the speed of vehicles traveling through populated areas. Most people seem to be in favor of lowering the speed limits because by having 55 mph limits, we are encouraging high-speed traffic that includes semi-truck and trailers to go through Lewiston instead of staying on the highways.

Mayor Hall would like to see a 30-mph limit on Main Street from 800 South to 800 North. He would also support a 45-mph limit everywhere else, except the residential zones which are already lower than that.

6. Review business licenses. Councilmember Westover motions to approve all the 82 listed business licenses for renewal. Councilmember Simper seconds. Roll call vote results in all in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Other business.

8. Mayor's Report.

Christmas recognition for volunteers and employees Each Councilmember has gift cards for Theurer's Meats to hand out to the members of the boards that they may be over. They are asked to hand them out and express the city's thanks for all the time and effort they put into their positions.

Thank you cards for wreck / truck incident on highway Mayor Hall passes around thank you letters for the council to sign that will be sent to the Cache County Executive and Council, Cache County EMS, and to UDOT for their assistance with the incident on the highway earlier this month.

Cache mosquito abatement vacancy / appointment Darwin Pitcher has passed away. He was serving as our representative on the mosquito abatement district. The district has been notified, and Mayor Hall has asked Councilmember Simper to fill the vacancy.

We have hired Abel Herrera as a full-time city employee in the office. He will be starting January 17th. He will finish his term as a Planning & Zoning commissioner. Mayor Hall explains that there is no conflict there, and this will help tremendously in the office as that is one of the places we are needing help.

Our crossing guard, Rod Gardner, is out for surgery for the next two months. We have been unable to find a replacement for him so far. It has historically proved to be a very hard position to fill. Mayor Hall has been approached by citizens and the elementary administration, and they would like a second crossing guard at the crosswalk at 200 south and Main. We currently cannot find anybody to work on the state road (Center Street) which makes it even harder to find a second person for south Main. He has told the school that if they can help find somebody, we will train and pay them. A discussion about whether the city is required to have a crossing guard took place amongst Paul Swainston and the mayor and council. Mayor Hall will ask for guidance from the city's attorney on what Lewiston is legally required to provide.

Business Park update: We thought we were all done with phase 1, but some of the conduit is already broken. We thought phase 2 was complete, but power is still not in place, waiting for the contractor. Phase 3 was having water and road worked on, but it is behind schedule due to earlier than expected winter weather. The lots are going fast, and people are inquiring about phase 4 already.

Sewer project update: Last month things looked good. We had just obtained a million-dollar grant and a \$400,000 loan. We got bids back on the project, and the lowest bid was a million

dollars over our budget. Costs have increased that much while we've been trying to secure funding. Mayor Hall is very frustrated with our county executive and county council. Roughly a year ago they told Mayor Hall that they were sitting on millions of dollars, and they would help us. He has met with them numerous times, and there is always another hoop, or something else that has come up. Had we received that money when it was asked for, we would be well on our way to starting the sewer upgrade project. Mayor Hall reiterates how frustrated he is with the lack of help and courtesy from the Cache County Executive and the Cache County Council. We are back in the same place we were on this project as the day Mayor Hall took office.

9. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reports that Santa's visit as sponsored by the Youth Council went very well. Updates on the water and sewer projects have already been covered. There is a pre-construction meeting happening with Spindler Construction regarding starting the new tank and well. They are estimating the completion of the new water line to be in June of 2023.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Arts Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reports the Arts Council has the Valentine's dance coming up, and they are starting to promote that. Nothing else to report.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports that the escape rooms will run again on February 4th. Nothing else to report.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reports that Planning & Zoning had a public hearing on the master plan. The consensus was that they are leaning towards getting rid of the A-10 zoning. They aren't exactly sure what it will be replaced with at this point. P&Z will be putting together a recommendation to present to City Council next.

Fizz Bodily – Parks & Rec, Fire Department, CERT/Emergency Preparedness: Councilmember Bodily is absent.

10. Adjourn.

Councilmember Morrison motions to adjourn. Councilmember Simperer seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for January 17th, 2023.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

