

Welcome and Roll Call:

The meeting begins at 7:30. Mayor Hall welcomes everybody. Councilmember Simper leads everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance include Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember Jonna Westover, Councilmember Brooke Hyer, Councilmember Ned Simper, Councilmember John Morrison, Councilmember Fizz Bodily, Mary Simpson (Treasurer), Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Paul Swainston (Public Works Director) Kevin A. Blau, Austin Poyner, Danielle Rogers, Megan Nasto, Brennan Hyer, Emeline Goodwin, Mike Smith, Cody Hyer, Corynn Arehart, Mark Arehart, Christopher Field, Nathon Olsen, Jake Johnson, Heidi Johnson, Kevin Davis, Maddie Soto, Amy Prestwich, Rod Hammer.

1. Review and approval of minutes from March 21, 2023. Mayor Hall asks the council if the minutes look correct for last month's meeting. Councilmember Hyer makes a motion to accept the minutes. Councilmember Bodily seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Public Hearing – cemetery costs and proposed price changes. At 7:31

Councilmember Hyer motions to open the public hearing. Councilmember Simper seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

No public comments or questions.

At 8:12 Councilmember Simper motions to close the public hearing. Councilmember Morrison seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Councilmember Hyer explains that we have a lot of upcoming costs with the cemetery. Roads have been damaged due to flooding. We need to expand the cemetery very soon. There is no funding available like there is for other government departments. Councilmember Hyer motions to approve a price increase for grave purchases of \$25 for Lewiston residents, and \$100 for non-residents. Effective July 1, 2023, Lewiston resident grave purchase price will be \$525, and non-resident price will be \$1600. Councilmember Simper seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Alyna Ohling – CAPSA presentation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Maddie Soto shares a message about hope. It is the focus of CAPSA for this year's sexual assault awareness month. In 2022 CAPSA responded to 631 sexual assault cases. Their case workers help the victims through the aftermath of an assault through relationships with communities, hospitals, and law enforcement.

4. Steve Leichty – Rocky Mountain Power franchise agreement. Re-scheduled for next month.

5. Rod Hammer – Cache County Fire District. Mayor Hall recognizes Rod Hammer who is the Cache County Fire Chief. Mr. Hammer explains that last month there was a house explosion in Cache Junction. He presents a letter of commendation to the Lewiston Fire Department for their efforts at the scene, signed by County Executive David Zook and himself. Mayor Hall expresses thanks for the relationship with the county fire district, and the efforts of all our EMTs and firefighters.

6. PEHP LTD program discussion and vote. Mayor Hall explains that PEHP administers the long-term disability program for the city employees. There is a new pilot program which would increase costs by .18 percent over the normal cost. He recommends that we take part in

this program. Councilmember Westover moves to approve the new rate of .68 percent. Councilmember Bodily seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Councilmember Simper – New Library Board member. Councilmember Simper proposes that Crystel Jukes be added to the library board. He makes a motion to approve Crystel Jukes as a member of the library board. Councilmember Bodily seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Councilmember Simper – Roads / Speed Limits – possible vote. Councilmember Simper has provided the council with a paper showing widths of various roads and density of approaches. He explains that the STAR Deputies would like to see the speed limits lowered. He makes a motion to lower the speed limit from 55 to 45 on all roads from 1600 South to the Idaho border, including 1600 South. A discussion amongst the council members and the mayor covers the data they have in front of them. Councilmember Hyer then makes a motion to lower the speed limit to 45 mph on 1600 West from 800 North to 1600 South. Councilmember Morrison seconds. Roll call vote:

Councilmember Bodily – No

Councilmember Hyer – Yes

Councilmember Morrison – Yes

Councilmember Simper – Yes

Councilmember Westover – Yes

Motion carries 4-1.

9. Councilmember Hyer – New Arts Council Member, Sharee Jenson.

Councilmember Hyer proposes that Sharee Jenson be added to the Lewiston Arts Council. Councilmember Bodily seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

10 Mayor's Report.

New Website. The payment has been made to Town Web and work has begun on the new website. The new alert system is part of the website and will be ready at the same time.

Credit card payments. We should be ready to accept credit card payments. Abel Herrera has been working on getting that set up. We will then be able to put that link on the website for 4th of July vendors. Training will be set up with the theater and library so they can accept credit cards.

Standing water / culverts / roads. Mayor Hall recognizes the hard work that our public works department does and has done to help minimize the flooding we are seeing. Last fall a lot of work was done including jetting culverts that has made our current condition thousands of times better than it could have been. We have still had numerous problems this year with culverts and some collapsing of the roads. We are trying to minimize the number of culverts going under our roads.

Cell tower. The owner of the tower has requested to use a bit more land around the base of the tower. The paperwork has been forwarded to our attorney for review. We will discuss it more after Seth Tait has reviewed it.

Garbage. Econo Waste will offer commercial garbage service to all the commercial accounts in Lewiston. Interested parties will need to contact Econo Waste to set that up. The city will not have anything to do with the billing of commercial accounts.

11. Councilmember Departmental Reports.

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover reports that the Easter Egg Hunt was well attended, despite the conditions. The oldest group was in snow up to their knees. The Youth Council thanks Schreiber Foods, Gossner Foods, Big J's, Pepperidge Farms, and Casper's who all donated to the event.

We are still working on the cost overrun application with USDA for the sewer project. JUB is still planning to do a rebid in September with the project broken up into smaller phases so that if all the funding can't be secured, we can get something completed.

They are beginning the excavation of the well at the Cub River Sports Complex. SCADA will begin work on the Griffin well. The distribution pipe on 2400 West should be installed by May 20th. Then they will begin work on restoration. Work will begin on 800 West next. It is currently scheduled to be completed July 2nd.

Brooke Hyer – 4th of July, Arts Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reports the Arts Council has the Lewiston Family Fair coming up on June 7th. On June 15th there will be a concert in the park at 7:00. The 4th of July celebrations will include a new event, a pickleball tournament. We are working on transferring all the registration for the 4th of July to an online platform.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports the theater is still looking for volunteers. The library hours are changing effective May 15th. The library board is bringing back the Halloween Carnival.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison reports that Planning & Zoning is still working on updating the Master Plan. They are looking at having a public hearing to discuss the ag zone changes.

Fizz Bodily – Parks & Rec, Fire Department, CERT/Emergency Preparedness: Councilmember Bodily reports the Little Red bike race is coming in the first part of June. Fire department was covered earlier in this meeting. We are working with Kelly Field on a letter for the sports court benches fundraiser,

10. Adjourn.

Councilmember Bodily motions to adjourn. Councilmember Westover seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for May 16th, 2023.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

