

**Welcome and Roll Call:**

The meeting begins at 7:30. Mayor Hall welcomes everybody. Councilmember Hyer shares a thought from Margaret Meade and leads everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance include Mayor Jeff Hall, Councilmember John Morrison, Councilmember Brooke Hyer, Councilmember Ned Simper, Councilmember Fizz Bodily, Mary Simpson (Treasurer), Chris Barr (Recorder/Clerk), Paul Swainston (Public Works Director), Abel Herrera (P&Z Administrator), Steve Bodily, Stephanie Ritter, Derek Ritter, Tyler Haws, Jarred Glover, Delainey Ashbrook, and Tony Bodily. Councilmember Jonna Westover is excused.

**1. Review and approval of minutes from July 18, 2023.** Mayor Hall asks the council if the minutes look correct for last month's meeting. Councilmember Simper makes a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Bodily seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

**2. Public Comments.** Tyler Haws expresses an interest in purchasing the old bank building but wants to know if the zoning could be changed to residential. Mayor Hall responds that the city needs to be more flexible and help find a solution for that building to be cleaned up and occupied, but there won't be any decisions made tonight because those votes must be on the agenda.

**3. Resolution 23-05 - CVTD Board Apportionment; discussion and vote.** Mayor Hall explains the Holly Hyer has served as our representative for many years, having 1/3 of a vote along with representatives from Richmond and Smithfield who also each had 1/3 of a vote. Under the new CVTD structure, there will only be one person to represent the three cities of Lewiston, Richmond, and Smithfield. This resolution was provided by CVTD and needs to be adopted by all municipalities within their service district so they can move forward. One new person will be selected to represent these three cities by the mayors of the cities. This name will likely be presented next month.

Councilmember Bodily motions to approve Resolution 23-05. Councilmember Simper seconds. All in favor. Motion carries unanimously.

**4. 2000 South – parking by bridge, speed limit; discussion and possible vote.**

Mayor Hall explains that he has had requests from residents on 2000 South to lower the speed limit. There have been many accounts of groups of younger drivers that spend time bridge jumping, and then upon leaving speed all the way down 2000 South. Mayor Hall has spoken with our STAR Deputies about the bridge jumping, and there is nothing Lewiston can do without incurring liability, so we are not discussing the bridge jumping tonight. Another issue is the parking near the bridge. Those jumping park along the side of the road, which in reality is still on the road because of the narrow shoulder, and sometimes end up parking in resident's driveways and in their fields. Trenton has recently approved 'no parking' signs to be put up on

their side of the bridge. When these go up it will only make the parked cars on the Lewiston side of the bridge a bigger problem.

Councilmember Simper states that he has driven down that road and feels that 55 mph is too fast to safely travel on that road because it is so narrow. Councilmember Bodily refers to the study done by the Sheriff's Department which showed that speed has not been a factor in accidents in Lewiston.

Councilmember Morrison does not want 'no parking' signs near the bridge to result in more people parking further up the road on the resident's private property.

Councilmember Hyer remarks that it is not only bridge jumpers that park by the bridge. There have been photographers, anglers, and people just walking along the river.

Councilmember Bodily motions to install no parking signs along both sides of 2000 South from the bridge to the top of the hill, (3220 West). All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

**5. Parking for old bank building discussion.** Mayor Hall explains that there was some discussion at the last P&Z meeting about parking at the old bank building. The group that brought up the discussion has since met with the mayor and Councilmember Morrison. Before that meeting, Councilmember Morrison had discussed this in more detail with the Planning & Zoning Administrator, Abel Herrera. Abel was able to take some measurements of Federal Avenue in Logan which features angled parking on one side of the street. He has determined that there is enough room to do the same behind the old bank building within the city's property and right-of-way.

Mayor Hall says that feels the old jail needs to be demolished, as it serves no purpose and allows a way for people to climb up onto the roof of the building. There could potentially be more parking spaces made there.

Councilmember Morrison explains the for multi-family zoning, the current code requires one parking space per unit. The angled parking idea would allow four spaces, so it would be sufficient. To be zoned residential, the current code requires parking to be maintained on the property, so this would be a bigger challenge. The city does not prefer one option over the other, and would be willing to work on finding a solution for whomever had a plan and brought that proposal to P&Z.

Derek Ritter asks if mixed use would be allowed in the current code, business on the bottom and a few living units upstairs. Abel Herrera answered that when the code was changed to allow multi-family in this commercial zone, it wasn't defined very well. They will have to investigate that and possibly change the definition.

Mayor Hall explains that the building will have to meet the current fire code, a new water service will need to be installed, and a sewer connection will need to be made, too. There is going to be some expenses and hurdles to clear, but the city would love to see somebody bring that building back to life.



## **6. Mayor's Report**

The mayor reports that the state road (Center Street) is finished with chip/seal and has been repainted with double solid lines from 400 East to the canal (approx. 500 West).

We heard back from our attorney on the annexation. It will be sent to the Lieutenant Governor's Office this week.

We have promoted Brennan Hyer to Assistant Public Works Director. We now have to Assistants.

Mary Simpson's last day before she retires will be September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have a little celebration and some cake at the next city council meeting, to thank her for all that she has done for the city.

The water distribution project has been completed. We are now working on Griffin well where we are increasing the size of the building and putting in a chlorinator. We are hoping to be done by November. We are also building the new million-gallon water tank in the northeast corner of the sports complex. The concrete floor and walls have been poured. A scaffolding system must now be built to support the concrete roof of the tank. The floor and walls need to cure for 28 days before we can move forward.

The business park was set back once again due to the weather. We had 5 inches of rain that has delayed the road from being built.

City Business. The city party will be on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. A city employee/volunteer and family dinner will be held on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## **7. Councilmember Departmental Reports.**

Jonna Westover – Water, Sewer, Youth Council: Councilmember Westover has been excused.

Brooke Hyer – 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Events Council, Cemetery: Councilmember Hyer reports a lot of positive responses from all of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July departments, and a positive revenue. The rodeo committee felt there was record turnout for the rodeo even though the two nights were split Saturday and Monday. The 2-night rodeo has been a success so far. We are working with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee to continue to carry on our traditions. The pickleball tournament exceeded all expectations and was enjoyed by all participants.

Events Council has the craft fair coming up September 30<sup>th</sup>. Monthly dances on the third Friday, as well as the concert in the park coming up on Thursday.

We just hired another part-time worker to help in the cemetery.

Ned Simper – Roads, Library, Theatre: Councilmember Simper reports that the library is still planning the Halloween Carnival.

John Morrison – Planning & Zoning, Economic Development: Councilmember Morrison has nothing new to report that hasn't already been discussed.

Fizz Bodily – CERT/Emergency Preparedness, Fire Department, Garbage, Parks & Rec: Councilmember Bodily reports that something needs to be done at the sports complex with the

thistles. We are going to start losing the baseball teams because the thistles are so bad. We need to fill in the holes around the pitcher's mound and home plate.

Since the change in garbage collection, we have replaced 4 broken cans, 19 residents have changed from their 60-gallon to a 90-gallon can, and 13 residents have chosen to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> can at their place. We may need to discuss adding a fee for garbage can deliveries in these instances. Seth Tait is working on the contract with Cornish for the garbage collection.

**7. Adjourn to executive session to discuss employees.**

Councilmember Bodily motions to adjourn to an executive session. Councilmember Hyer seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next regular meeting scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

