

On May 20th, 2025, the Lewiston City Council meeting was held in the Lewiston City Clubroom at 29 South Main at 7:30pm. Mayor Hall, Council members Westover, Hyer, Simper, Morrison, Bodily, City Recorder Chris Barr, Treasurer Abel Herrera, and Public Works Director Paul Swainston were present. Others present included Kirsti Kjome, Courtney Little, Kameron Little, Robert Barlow, Misty Warren, Kevin Hall, Jarred Glover, Jamie Sanoski, Raymond Sanoski, Melissa Hall, Roy Hall, Simone Holyoak, Ryan Holyoak, Perry Walker, Edamarie Walker, Leeanna Bright, Gary Larsen, Mike Goodwin, Minnie Hall, Mary Gibbons, Tara Saxton, Phil Saxton, Tayler Lane, Shalene Hollingsworth, Judy Ann Smith, Mac Costley, Lynsey Costley, Mark Anderson.

Mayor Jeff Hall called the meeting to order. Councilmember Fizz Bodily led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review and approval of minutes from April 15th, 2025 meeting

Westover motioned to approve the minutes from the April 15th, 2025 meeting, seconded by Simper, and unanimously approved.

Public Hearings At 7:32 Hyer motioned to open the public hearings for the fiscal year 25 capital projects budget adjustment, and the fiscal year 26 preliminary budget. Simper seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year 25 Capital Projects Budget Adjustment Mayor Hall explained that the fire department had written a grant for new extrication equipment. The grant was not awarded, but the city wanted to acquire the equipment so it will be paid out of the capital projects fund.

Fiscal Year 26 Preliminary Budget Mayor Hall explained that the budget has not changed significantly. The general fund income is budgeted at 1.63 million dollars.

Public Comment Period

During the public comment period, Gary Larsen requested some dust guard on the dirt portion of 200 South, and suggested the city update its Class C roads. Roy Hall questioned why none of the complaints he made in previous months have been addressed. Simone Holyoak spoke in opposition to cell towers near schools. Judy Smith asked if the cell tower on the agenda is a new one or the one by the cemetery. Leeanna Bright asked what the city's intention was with the lot on 100 W and 300 S.

Mark Anderson of All Tech – Presentation of .gov security measures

Mark Anderson talked about the security advantages that the .gov domain provides for municipalities. The need for a replacement server was discussed as the city's current server is about 8 years old. The replacement cost is roughly \$10,000.

Russ Price of BRAG – Presentation of services offered for general plan

Russ Price spoke about what a general plan is, and what BRAG can do to assist Lewiston in updating the general plan. Mayor Hall reported that after discussions with Planning & Zoning, they have chosen to use BRAG for assistance in updating the general plan.

Discussion and vote on cell tower lease termination.

Mayor Hall explained that he and Abel Herrera have worked to get out of the lease contract for the proposed cell tower. An opportunity to terminate the lease has been granted. Bodily motioned to terminate the lease for the new cell tower. Morrison seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily – yes

Hyer – no

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – no

Motion passed 3-2.

Vote on Resolution 25-02 - Interlocal Agreement for Cache County to administer the 2025 elections.

Mayor Hall explained that this is the standard agreement we have used for the past few elections. Bodily motioned to approve Resolution 25-02 for the Interlocal Agreement with Cache County for the elections. Hyer seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Brooke Hyer – Discussion and vote for approval of Kim Beckstead to be added to the Events Council.

Councilmember Hyer said that Rebecca Kim Beckstead has expressed an interest in joining the Events Council. Hyer motioned to accept Kim Beckstead to the Lewiston Events Council. Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and vote on J-U-B professional services agreement.

Mayor Hall explained that this agreement is set every five years to allow J-U-B to be the City's engineering firm and continue to provide us with service. A discussion about how expensive their service is, and how it is offset with the grants they find for us. Some council members wanted to continue to shop around for engineering services. No action taken.

Discussion and vote on purchase / rental of Public Address system.

Councilmember Simper explained that the sound system at the rodeo arena is broken and cannot be repaired. Options are to replace it for \$24,018 or rent one for 3 days at \$7,305. After

discussion, Simper motioned to purchase the system from Atkinson Sound and replace the system at the rodeo ground. Bodily seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily – yes

Hyer – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Establish a selling price for parcels 09-021-0053(approx. 100 W 300 S) & 09-006-0203(Business Park)

Mayor Hall reported that the 300 S parcel was agreed to be purchased by the previous mayor and council. It was later purchased by the City with the intent of recording an easement for the drainage that the city had installed underground on that parcel. The parcel was bought at the appraised value of \$130,000. Closing costs made the total transaction over \$134,000. The recommended price is between \$135,000 and \$145,000. Mayor Hall would like to ask for \$135,000 for the parcel to cover the cost of obtaining it.

Mayor Hall explained that the parcel in the business park was originally left open for drainage of the business park. Improvements have been made, and the drainage is now underground along the north edge of the parcel, so it can be sold as a buildable lot with the easement we have on it.

Westover motioned to sell the parcels with an asking price of \$135,000 for parcel 09-021-0053, and \$35,000 per acre for parcel 09-006-0203. Simper seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily – yes

Hyer – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and vote on new mower for the parks.

Mayor Hall explained that the mower used in the parks has a broken engine. There was a discussion of costs related to engine replacement in a twelve-year-old mower versus buying a new one locally. Bodily motioned to buy a new mower locally. Morison seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily – yes

Hyer – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the intersection of 1600 South and Main Street.

Mayor Hall explained that this intersection is the one he receives the most complaints about. There are people who run the stop signs on purpose, and there have been numerous accidents and fatalities at that intersection. Many options have been discussed. The best solution seems to be a 4-way stop. This would require at least 2 people to make a bad decision at near the same time for another accident or fatality. Council member Bodily suggested the intersection of 1600 South and 1600 West be made a 4-way stop for the same reasons. After more discussion, Morrison motioned to make the intersections at 1600 South & Main Street, and 1600 South & 1600 West 4-way stops. Simper seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily – yes

Hyer – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Surplus Declaration of old folding chairs, popcorn popper – discussion and vote.

Mayor Hall explained that the old folding chairs were already declared as surplus last month, a date and time just needs to be set to make those available to the public. The new chairs have not arrived, so a date and time will be set later. Mayor Hall reported that the theatre has the new popcorn popper, so the old one needs to be declared as surplus. Westover motioned to declare the old popcorn popper as surplus and accept sealed bids until the close of business on June 30th. Hyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Statement from Council

Council member Westover read a prepared statement in response to recent allegations of wrongdoing by City Officials. She explained the duties and powers of a city council. The council is a legislative body. According to David Erickson, who is Lewiston's representative on the Cache County Council, the Lewiston City Council does not have the power to investigate criminal or ethical violations. Complaints need to be filed with an ethics commission within the state. City attorney Seth Tait stated that Lewiston City Council does not have the power to perform any kind of investigation. If a criminal violation is suspected, it needs to be reported to law enforcement. If an ethics violation is suspected, residents should report those to the state board known as the Utah Subdivision Ethics Commission. Westover provided contact information for this board and encouraged everybody to contact them if they feel that ethics violations have occurred.

Vote on Budget Adjustments from Public Hearings.

At 8:47, Bodily motioned to close the public hearings for fiscal year 25 Capital Projects Budget Adjustment and the fiscal year 26 preliminary budget. Simper seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Westover motioned to increase the capital projects fund for the fire department by \$20,000 for the current year. Hyer seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily – yes

Hyer – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Bodily questioned the number for the current year's totals for the library budget. Mayor Hall responded it was an error in the cell totaling the values because when added, the numbers don't come anywhere close to that value. He reported that the proposed values are correct, which is an increase for the library as the library board had requested.

Westover motioned to approve the fiscal year 26 budget. Bodily seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily – yes

Hyer – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – yes

Motion passed unanimously

Fourth of July updates / reports

Each department reported on their readiness for the festivities. No problems reported and everything is expected to go as planned. More volunteers are always welcomed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hall reported that due to Councilmember Westover's efforts, Lewiston was awarded \$35,000 to seal the sports court, and \$56,000 to go towards the planned restrooms to be built by the sports courts.

The office will begin digitizing records. All Tech's suggestion was to meet with the Smithfield City Manager and see how they implemented their system.

The sewer lift station is close to done. There were some problems with fittings which created a need for a change order. The expected substantial completion date is June 1st.

The water project is nearing completion.

Rocky Mountain Power Donated \$1,000 towards the Fourth of July celebration.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Jonna Westover reported that Mayor Hall had already talked about the extrication equipment. There is another grant that the fire department will apply for to acquire a second set of extrication equipment. The Youth Council can always use more volunteers.

Councilmember Brooke Hyer reported on the summer reading program in the library. She also reported that Sadie, our new library director speaks Spanish and has been working on getting more Spanish language materials in the library. The Events council will hold a concert in the park on June 9th featuring the Holt family.

Councilmember Simper had nothing else to report.

Councilmember Morrison reported that Planning & Zoning expects to have a public hearing on the re-zone application for their June meeting. No matter the outcome, that will then come to city council to be voted on with a recommendation from Planning & Zoning.

Councilmember Bodily reported that baseball sign-ups are finished. Lewiston lost quite a few kids to Richmond simply because Richmond offers an online signup. He wants to look into online registration for Lewiston next year.

Adjourn

Councilmember Bodily motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Simper seconded. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

