

On June 17th, 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, Misty Warren, Jamie Sanoski, Ray Sanoski, Simone Holyoak, Ryan Holyoak, Tara Saxton, Phil Saxton, Misty Allen, Bob Law, Robyn Law, Patricia Johnson, Leah Nielsen, Jennifer Allen, Emeline Goodwin, Amber Spackman, Corynn Arehart, and Mark Arehart.

Mayor Jeff Hall called the meeting to order, shared some history on the settlement of Lewiston, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered a prayer.

Review and approval of the minutes of the May 20th, 2025 meeting

Simper motioned to approve the minutes from the May 20th, 2025 meeting, seconded by Morrison. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearings Bodily motioned to open the public hearings for the fiscal year 26 budget, and the master fee schedule changes. Hyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Year 26 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) Budget Mayor Hall explained that last month the preliminary budget was approved. This month's public hearing is for the final budget.

Kameron Little asked where he could see the budget. Mayor Hall explained that it is on the state website, and there is a link on the city's website to that state website. He said that anyone could get a copy from the city office, too.

Master Fee Schedule – changes to Sewer / Water / Rental Fees Bodily explained that the council previously agreed to make small increments to the sewer rate to get to a rate that satisfies the requirements for funding from state agencies. He proposed that the rate be increased from the current \$60 to \$65. Regarding park rentals fees for non-residents, he explained that deposit amounts are currently relatively low compared to other cities, and he proposed that the deposit amounts be increased to 50% of the rental fee.

Hyer asked if there should be half-day or hourly rental rates. Mayor Hall said that he has checked with other cities and feels that until there is a bigger demand it should be left as is. Bodily agreed.

Hyer motioned to close the public hearings on the fiscal year 26 budget and the master fee schedule changes. Westover seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period

During the public comment period, Leah Nielsen thanked the city for addition of QR codes in the newsletter to access the state website for meeting minutes and audio, and better transparency. She asked for more transparency and accessibility.

John Nielsen presented more reasons that he feels agricultural land should not be rezoned to residential and urged the city to oppose any rezoning of agricultural zone to a residential zone.

Vote on Budget from Public Hearing.

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

Bodily – yes

Hyer – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Vote on changes to Master Fee Schedule from Public Hearing.

Bodily motioned to approve the changes to the master fee schedule, increasing the sewer rate from \$60 to \$65, and increasing the non-resident deposit rate for park rental to 50% of the rental rate. Westover seconded. Roll call vote:

Bodily – yes

Hyer – yes

Morrison – yes

Simper – yes

Westover – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Fourth of July updates / reports

Simper reported that there had been an increase in donations, and they have increased the payout amounts for the winners. The sound system people guaranteed it would be installed by July 2nd.

Hyer reported that all vendor spaces are full, and they will not take any more applications. They are still in need of a volunteer to oversee the pickleball tournament.

Morrison reported that they will try something new this year. They will keep Lewiston and political entries at the front of the parade, and others will line up in the order that they arrive.

STAR Deputies – 4th of July activities co-ordination

Deputies Alcantar and Miguel discussed the parade with the council and plans for support from the Cache County Sheriff's Office.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hall reported that there had been a major leak in the water main at Kingsford Corner. It was repaired the same day but has brought up concerns about the integrity of the old metal line that continues under the highway and railroad tracks. He and Paul Swainston have decided to cap off that old line to prevent another leak.

Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Jonna Westover volunteered the Youth Council to assist with the parade lineup.

Councilmember Brooke Hyer reported on the summer reading program in the library. She also reported that they will be hiring a librarian. The library is bringing back the bake sale for the 4th of July. The Events Council will host the Quilt and Art show in the ballroom.

Councilmember Simper reported that dust guard is going to be applied to a few of the dirt roads. There will be a public meeting for the 1600 West project.

Councilmember Morrison reported that Planning & Zoning will be meeting with BRAG to start work on updating the General Plan. There will be a public hearing for the rezone application, but landowners adjacent to the proposed parcels must be notified first. Pat Harris is updating the list of cemetery graves that need a flag on Memorial Day.

Councilmember Bodily reported that the old ballroom chairs would be available to the public the following night.

Adjourn

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

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

