

On July 15th, 2025, the Lewiston City Council meeting was held in the Lewiston City Clubroom at 29 South Main at 7:30pm. Mayor Hall, Council members Hyer, Simper, Morrison, Bodily, City Recorder Chris Barr, Treasurer Abel Herrera, and Public Works Director Paul Swainston were present. Councilmember Westover was excused. Others present included Deb Williams, Leeanna Bright, Misty Allen, Bryan Pitcher, Misty Warren, Dale Bright, Mike Goodwin, Emeline Goodwin, Robert Martinez, Kimber Hall, Minnie Hall, Steve Morris, High Von Niederhausern, Darlene Von Niederhausern, Mark Gibbons, Brantly Hayes, Stacy Hayes, Carla Bodily, Brady Bodily, Cieara Bodily, Holly Hansen, Benjamin Hansen, Kirsti Kjome, Patricia Johnson, BlaykeLee Barr, Randi Barr, Jarred Glover, Kristi Crapo, Jeremy Crapo, Tara Saxton, Phil Saxton, Brennan Hyer, Jamie Sanoski, Ray Sanoski, Roy Hall, John Nielsen, Leah Nielsen, Mary Gibbons, Kandis Stephenson, Shalene Layne, Tayler Layne, Simone Holyoak, and Ryan Holyoak.

Mayor Jeff Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Councilmember Hyer shared a quote and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Review and approval of the minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.**

Bodily motioned to approve the minutes from the previous council meeting, seconded by Simper. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion and vote on Dan L Wright Lewiston Partnership LTD Rezone from A-10 to R-1-10/R-1-12 for Parcels 09-016-0019 & 09-016-0018.**

Mayor Hall explained that state code requires a public hearing for land use requests to be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission. That was already done, so this meeting was not a public hearing. Mayor Hall excused Councilmember Westover and explained that he hoped to connect with her through a phone call so she could participate in the vote.

Councilmember Morrison recommended denying the request as the vote taken at the public hearing by the Planning & Zoning Commission was 5-0 against the rezone.

Morrison motioned to deny the rezone. Simper seconded.

Roll call vote:

Bodily - yes

Hyer - yes

Morrison - yes

Simper - yes

Westover - absent

Motion passed unanimously.

## Mayor's Report

**1600 West project.** Mayor Hall reported that there would be a public hearing on July 29<sup>th</sup> for the road project on 1600 West. This will be for phases 2 & 3 which include roughly 2000 South to 800 South.

**Preliminary 4<sup>th</sup> of July information.** Next month there will be a report, but initial figures show an increase in sponsorship and donations. Rodeo gate money was down compared to last year. Overall, it was a successful event.

**Other business.** Water usage in the city is about two million gallons per day. The hot, dry weather is making it difficult to keep the parks and cemetery green. Emergency calls continue to climb, and the city is always looking for people to join the group of EMTs so they can continue to answer those calls for emergency services. Contractors are still struggling to complete the sewer lift station project. Mayor Hall has a call scheduled with DWQ to discuss a grant to cover the cost of designing a new sewer lagoon. He will meet with USDA later in the month to see about other grant money to improve the sewer.

## Resident Input

During the public comment period, Hugh Von Niederhausern requested the intersection of 100 South and 100 West be changed to a 4-way

Deb Williams proposed more public disclosures and professional studies be done for future projects proposing large-scale growth.

Mark Gibbons requested dust guard to be applied to 800 South between 800 West and 2400 West.

E J Welker commended councilmembers for listening to resident input and voting accordingly.

Leeanna Bright thanked the council for voting against the rezone and inquired about sandbags the next time there is flooding.

## Councilmember Reports

Councilmember Jonna Westover was absent

Councilmember Brooke Hyer reported summer reading is going on in the library. There is an audit in October. The Events Council has concert in the park scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hall expressed thanks to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for allowing the city to use their park for various city activities.

Councilmember Simper thanked everybody that helped with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. He reported that Trenton and Amalga have both reported West Nile Virus in their mosquito traps. Mayor Hall reported that chip/sealing will begin in the business park and then move to 2400 West.

Councilmember Morrison reported that the next step in having BRAG assist with the General Plan is to have a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) signed. This process of updating the general plan could take a year. The cemetery expansion is still in the planning stage engineering the water system.

Councilmember Bodily reported that the old ballroom folding chairs were made available to the public last month and have all been taken.

### **Adjourn**

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

Chris Barr

Lewiston City Recorder

