

*April 4, 2022*

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Work Session at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Johnson; Council President Liedkie; Councilor Blount; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Tousley; Councilor Kleeburg;

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tim Barker; Tanya Brocke; Aaron Butler; Jana Gómez; Budd Hurd; Dustin Johnson; Lynn Johnson; Carol Maurer; Travis Myklebust; Nikki Province; Laura Von Tersch; Kari Ravencroft; Aimee Gordon

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Schroeder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the pledge, Councilor Forsmann moved to remove Resolution 2022-14 from the agenda. Councilor Schroeder seconded.

Councilor Kleeburg questioned if there was any reason in particular. Councilor Forsmann said she would like more time to discuss the item considering concerns from the citizens.

Council President Liedkie expressed concerns about making all the appointments since Chapter 2 of Lewiston City Code has not been finished. She stated she is in support of the motion because no discussion has been had regarding the job description and moving forward with administration.

The motion failed for lack of a majority with Councilors Blount, Kleeburg and Tousley voting nay.

Council President Liedkie moved to amend the agenda by switching Work Session Items VI. D and VI. E, as there were updates to the SRF Water/Sewer projects that would be beneficial for the irrigation customers to hear. Councilor Forsmann seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Joe Gish, Chairman of Lewiston SMART for the Proposition One Campaign, spoke to his concerns relating to Resolution 2022-14. Mr. Gish explained that a very serious violation occurred when City Clerk Ravencroft printed KEEP campaign materials on the city copier and he wanted the Council to

be informed of the violation. Mr. Gish concluded his comments by expressing his support of whatever decision the Council makes.

Jeff Briney, resident of Clarkston Washington and operator of the Bryden Canyon Golf Course, spoke to the Large Municipal Irrigation Customers agenda item. Mr. Briney's concerns were that the Golf Course would be crippled and unable to function in any capacity, if the Council moved forward on any large water usage rate.

Bob Burlinghoff, resident of Lewiston and Association President of Bryden Canyon Golf Course, spoke to the Large Municipal Irrigation Customers agenda item. Mr. Burlinghoff questioned what happened to the money made on the sale of a well and why it didn't go to the Golf Course.

Virginia Harding, resident from Clarkston and President of the Ladies Golf Association, spoke to the Large Municipal Irrigation Customers agenda item. Ms. Harding informed the Council that the golf course allows anyone to come and recreate and encouraged them to find a way to work the problem out.

Adam Ingel, resident of Lewiston, presented on behalf of Nathaniel Rankin relating to Resolutions 2022-08, 2022-14, and 2022-15 and urged Council to vote no.

Jim Petri, resident of Cloverland, spoke to the Large Municipal Irrigation Customer agenda item. Mr. Petri asked Council to do whatever they can to keep Bryden Canyon Golf Course alive.

Pat Baker Vice President of the Ladies Association of Bryden Canyon, spoke to the Large Municipal Irrigation Customer agenda item and that it deserved to be saved.

Jacqui Mcgyver, resident of Lewiston, spoke to the Large Municipal Irrigation Customer agenda item and noted the importance of Bryden Canyon Golf Course.

Larry Youngberg, resident of Lewiston, also spoke to the Large Municipal Irrigation Customer agenda item. Mr. Youngberg's concerns were related to effects imposed funding would have on the Golf Course and its customers.

Sam Well, resident of Lewiston, addressed the Large Municipal Irrigation Customer agenda item. Mr. Well requested Council to look at the financial ramifications and encouraged them not to shut off the Bryden Canyon Golf Course because there are ways to remedy the issue.

Rick Isley, resident of Lewiston and 32-year member of the National Golf Association, spoke to the Large Municipal Irrigation Customer agenda item. Mr. Isley's expressed concerns to raised prices and the effects it would have on the Golf Course.

Todd Blount, resident of Lewiston, addressed Resolution 2022-14 and questioned why City Clerk Ravencroft was being reappointed when she didn't keep her oath and broke the law. Mr. Blount strongly asked Council to vote no on the reappointment.

Kari Ravencroft, resident of Lewiston and Lewiston City Clerk, addressed the Council relating to Resolution 2022-14. Ms. Ravencroft admitted she made a mistake, accepted responsibility for her actions and expressed remorse. Ms. Ravencroft explained it was a policy violation and it would be a sad day if she lost her job after 35 years because of it.

Ingar Blount, resident of Lewiston, spoke to Resolution 2022-14 and that all city employees should be held accountable for their actions. Ms. Blount questioned what changed relating to Mayor Johnson's media post about corrective action being taken.

Deputy City Clerk Brocke read an email received from Gabriel Iacoboni in opposition to Resolution 2022-14.

#### **IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. PROCLAMATION: CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2022**

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation and presented it to Zenita Delva, Executive Director of the Second Judicial District CASA program. Ms. Delva expressed her appreciation and encouraged everyone to support the program, as it takes a village to ensure children are taken care of.

##### **B. PUBLIC HEARING: CONVEYANCE OF CITY PROPERTY TO NEZ PERCE COUNTY:**

*Accepting testimony on the potential donation of real property owned by the City of Lewiston to Nez Perce County*

As Mayor Johnson would be providing a staff report, he asked Council President Liedkie to preside over the meeting.

Council President Liedkie provided information on the public hearing process, opened the public hearing, and asked for the staff report.

Mayor Johnson explained there was a proposal in front of the Council relating to four parcels of land in front of City Hall that the City was considering conveying to Nez Perce County. The topic was discussed at a work session on February 7, 2022 and then again on March 14, 2022. Mayor Johnson explained they had been meeting with the Board of Nez Perce County Commissioners as regularly as they could and the County can utilize the space for the Courthouse. Mayor Johnson only heard from one citizen whose concerns were related to the courthouse.

Council President Liedkie asked for public comment.

Nez Perce County Commission Chair Zenner explained they plan to donate the Ag Extension Property located at 1239 Idaho Street to the city but he could not provide a timeline because they are still searching for property near the fairgrounds. Continuing, Commissioner Zenner

explained they will continue to use the existing courthouse to provide services until a new courthouse is built. Once they transition into the new courthouse, the old one will be demolished because it has mold and other issues. Commissioner Zenner concluded by informing the Council that they will work with the City relating to sewer, water and infrastructure.

Jim Petrie, resident of Cloverland, questioned if an archaeological evaluation had been done on the properties. Commissioner Zenner responded an evaluation was not planned at the present time.

There being no further public comment, Council President Liedkie closed the public hearing.

## V. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. **RESOLUTION 2022-8:** *Confirming the appointment of Jana B. Gomez as City Attorney for the City of Lewiston and amending the employment agreement*

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Resolution 2022-8. Councilor Kleeburg seconded.

ROLL CALL: VOTING AYE: Liedkie, Tousley, Kleeburg, Blount, Forsmann, Schroeder. NAY: None.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2022-14:** *Confirming the appointment of Kari J. Ravencroft as City Clerk for the City of Lewiston*

Mayor Johnson and Councilor Tousley moved and seconded, respectively, approval of Resolution 2022-14.

Councilors Liedkie, Tousley, Kleeburg, Forsmann and Schroeder gave their full support to the motion. Councilor Blount explained that he could not vote in favor of the motion, as there was lots of information unanswered, and asked the Mayor to withdraw his nomination.

ROLL CALL: VOTING AYE: Liedkie, Tousley, Kleeburg, Forsmann, Schroeder. NAY: Blount.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2022-15:** *Considering the appointment of Aimee Gordon as Treasurer for the City of Lewiston*

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Resolution 2022-15 and Councilor Kleeburg seconded.

ROLL CALL: VOTING AYE: Liedkie, Tousley, Kleeburg, Blount, Forsmann, Schroeder. NAY: None.

## D. ORDINANCES

### 1. First, Second and Third Readings

- a. **Ordinance 4851:** *Considering the donation of real property owned by the City of Lewiston to Nez Perce County, Idaho*

Councilor Schroeder moved to combine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings and waive one reading in full of Ordinance 4851. Councilor Kleeburg seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Councilor Blount voting against. (Council President Liedkie was not present during this vote).

Councilors Schroeder and Kleeburg moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Ordinance 4851. The motion carried 5-1 with Councilor Blount voting against.

APPROVING THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE 4851 BY TITLE ONLY "AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF LEWISTON TO NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SUCH DONATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE"

## **2. Adoption and Approval of Ordinance Summary**

### **a. Ordinance 4851**

Council President Liedkie moved to adopt Ordinance 4851 and approve the related ordinance summary. Councilor Tousley seconded the motion.

Councilors Kleeburg and Blount both commented that they would appreciate the property having a simple piece of green space, as it is limited in the Downtown area. Commissioner Havens explained it was never addressed but the plan included benches and tables.

Mayor Johnson mentioned the Miranda Cabin and Commissioner Havens informed the Council that the Historical Society was ready to move the cabin to a location and the County would supply the funds to move it.

*ROLL CALL: VOTING AYE: Liedkie, Tousley, Kleeburg, Forsmann, Schroeder.  
NAY: Blount.*

## **VI. WORK SESSION ITEMS**

### **A. LEWISTON CITY CODE CHAPTER 2 - FINAL DRAFT PROPOSAL:** *Overview of the final draft proposal of Lewiston City Code Chapter 2*

City Attorney Gómez reviewed the changes that the subcommittee had been working on and presented the final draft. Ms. Gómez informed Councilors of the major changes and reminded Councilors that a Special Meeting would be held April 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Library to

provide a presentation regarding the election types. A survey would be open until the end of the month for the citizens to provide input.

**B. COMMUNITY PARK UPDATE - NEXT STEPS:** *Update of the Community Park and proposed next steps*

Parks and Recreation Director Barker introduced J-U-B Engineers, Inc. consultants Alison Tompkins and Kayla Brown.

Ms. Brown informed Councilors that there is a new website for the Community Park which can be accessed at [lewistoncommunitypark.com](http://lewistoncommunitypark.com), while Ms. Tompkins showed the 3D story map. The new website provides updates on the park during construction, along with a brief description of the work, while the 3D story map provides visuals and a feel for what is happening.

Parks and Recreation Director Barker mentioned that important park maintenance operation, estimated costs, development costs, phasing and economic impact would be presented at a future meeting.

**C. CITY PROPERTIES/MAPPING:** *Overview of visual application showing City-owned properties in order to assist in planning/budget decisions*

Public Works Director Johnson provided a printout of a map that outlines property owned by the City. Mr. Johnson noted there are approximately 182 parcels owned by the City and a link to an app would be provided to Councilors. The app allows Councilors to click on parcels and receive more information.

**D. SRF WATER/SEWER PROJECT UPDATE:** *Update on SRF Water/Sewer projects*

Public Works Director Johnson thanked Council for moving this agenda item ahead of the Large Municipal Irrigation Customers item. Mr. Johnson explained that the SRF stands for State Revolving Funds, which is a loan program through the State of Idaho. Project updates included the Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit, Water Treatment Plant Retrofit, Well #7, Community Drive Reservoir, Raw Water Intake Upgrade, and the Main Street Transmission Main Replacement.

**E. LARGE MUNICIPAL IRRIGATION CUSTOMERS:** *Discussion on the concepts and recommendations for large municipal irrigation rates to facilitate policy discussions*

Public Works Director Johnson informed Councilors that discussion was neither to provide a comprehensive history of water irrigation, the golf course or City Parks, was not a recommendation and he was happy to receive public comment relating to the topic. The discussion is not just water, but a bigger policy discussion and he is updated them on the impacts and the impacts that irrigation has on the water system. Mr. Johnson explained the topography of the City causes a complex system. The daily water demand is anywhere from 2 million gallons

per day in the colder months, to 9 million gallons per day in the warmer months. Mr. Johnson explained he can only tell the Council the impact to the water system and what it costs the City to get there, and this is a policy discussion for the Council to make decisions. Mr. Johnson concluded his report by running through the options for the large irrigation rates, which include historic fixed rate, operation and maintenance only rate, low pressure rate, full rate and other.

## **VII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Councilor Kleeburg commented that he hoped it wasn't a boring basketball game.

Councilor Forsmann expressed appreciation for the number of people that attended the meeting and voiced their opinions.

Councilor Blount apologized to everyone for showing his emotion. Mayor Johnson apologized if he was out of order also and said he appreciates everyone's input.

### **B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilor Schroeder explained that she had not been able to attend some of the Historic Preservation Commission meetings, due to quasi-judicial purposes, because they have had so many Certificates of Appropriateness.

Council President Liedkie said she was looking forward to getting the Disability Advisory Commission back on track to work with Public Works Director Johnson on addressing ADA issues throughout the community.

### **C. MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Johnson also reminded Councilors of upcoming meetings on April 5, 2022 regarding Elections; April 12, 2022 regarding an Open House on Fish/Dams; and a Special Work Session on April 18, 2022 regarding Stormwater and Fire Station Updates.

### **D. ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

None.

### **E. AGENDA TOPICS**

Councilor Blount moved to add adjusting work session times on a future agenda. City Attorney Gomez explained that Work Session times are in the Chapter 2 document that the Council can amend at the next regular meeting. Councilor Blount withdrew his motion.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Council President Liedkie and Tousley moved and seconded, respectively adjournment of the April 4, 2022, Work Session at approximately 6:06 p.m. The motion carried 6-0.