

*January 10, 2022*

**T** HE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Regular Meeting at the Lewiston Library Second Floor Activity Room at 411 D Street. Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Collins; Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder; Councilor Blakey (via Zoom); Councilor Bradbury; Councilor Kelly; Councilor Miller; Councilor Pernsteiner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Public Information Officer Maurer read two emails into the record. Mr. Ged Randall thanked City Manager Alan Nygaard for his dedicated service to the community, noting that the city is better because of his efforts and expertise and wished him well. Mr. Gabe Iocoboni thanked the Council for their service to the community, for their support of the business and nonprofit community in this unprecedented time, and for supporting the Adult Resource Center for those who need a little help. Mr. Iocoboni also welcomed the incoming Mayor and Council and wished them all the best.

Johanna Frank Museid spoke on several topics including the Twin City Foods site, the poor conditions along Bryden Avenue on which she fell several times, and the new Mayor and City Council.

Bill Reynolds, Emergency Communications Joint Powers Board, thanked Mayor Collins for his dedicated service on the board over the past four years and presented him with a wooden flag made by Fire Chief Myklebust. He praised Mayor Collins for his support of this community and for public safety.

Molique Prior expressed concern that the City's current bus service is not convenient to many people who need it. He requested additional routes and times that could get individuals to and from work.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. FINANCIAL REPORT - NOVEMBER 2021:** *Provided by Administrative Services Director Dan Marsh in accordance with Idaho Code 50-208 – no oral report.*

**V. CONSENT AGENDA - OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Collins explained that all items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these issues unless a Councilor so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered on the Active Agenda under "Items Moved from the Consent Agenda".

Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder and Councilor Pernsteiner moved and seconded, respectively, adoption of the Consent Agenda. *ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Collins; Schroeder; Blakey; Bradbury; Kelly; Miller. VOTING NAY: None.*

A. LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: 04/21/21 *Special*; 05/10/21 *Budget*; 08/23/21 *Regular*; 09/20/21 *Special*; 11/01/21 *Work Session*; 12/13/21 *Regular*; 12/20/21 *Regular*

B. VOUCHER'S PAYABLE: *Considering approval of the Vouchers Payable dated 12/10/21 through 12/22/21 - \$4,881,651.33*

**VI. ITEMS MOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**VII. OUTGOING COUNCILOR COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE 2020-2021 LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL - SINE DIE**

City Manager Nygaard thanked the community for allowing him to serve as City Manager for the past four years. He expressed his appreciation to the current Mayor and Councilors for their hard work, dedication and willingness to make tough decisions. Mr. Nygaard then praised City staff, noting that they are an exceptional and dedicated group and the community is fortunate to have such a work force working for them. He offered good luck to the incoming Council.

Councilor Bradbury thanked those who elected him. He said that he ran on a platform to change the form of government because he wanted to implicate the constitutional right to vote. Because that effort was successful, Mr. Bradbury said his term was limited to two years rather than four and he now has other things to pursue. He suggested the incoming Council make a list of five or six of the most urgent projects facing the City, find out how much they will cost and where the money will come from. He noted the four basic needs in the city as water, sewer, garbage and streets, and urgent capital needs in those areas total over \$70 million. Before another penny is spent, he said it needs to be determined where the money for these projects will come from. A Mayor/Council form of government turns a new page for Lewiston. The slate is blank and the new Council and Mayor will be the authors for the next phase of the City. Mr. Bradbury thanked City staff for their hard work over the past two years.

Councilor Kelly thanked his family for putting up with him over the past two years, noting that they served as an invaluable sounding board. He thanked the voters who elected him and the citizens who have come to meetings to express their concerns. Mr. Kelly expressed his appreciation to City staff, noting that everything they do makes this City a better place and their dedication is

incredible. He thanked his fellow councilors and City Manager Alan Nygaard, adding that he learned so much and loved being a part of the team. Mr. Kelly wished the new Mayor and Council well, stating that their success is the City's success.

Councilor Pernsteiner said he chose to run for City Council based on the core belief that all people are created in the image of God. He stated the need for community requires a fundamental element of dependency, noting that people are dependent upon each other because they were created to be as such. Individuals gain from those they are surrounded by and the need for community is great. Councilor Pernsteiner said he has worked with staff, Councilors and community members who embody this duty and dependency and there are a number of organizations and people who are living out this mandate. He thanked everyone involved in making this city a place he is proud to call home. He noted that his charge to the next Council is to lean in to balance that dependency, adding that they are not here to serve their own interests. The world is an incredibly different place from what it was four years ago and he has no doubt that the world's economy will transform over the next couple of years. As a community, he encouraged all to prioritize how they do work, how they define prosperity and how each person has access to that path. He said he will pray this new form of government is incredibly successful and that the Councilors are successful and distilled with wisdom.

Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder thanked her family for watching her at every council meeting, adding they have been very loyal and supportive. She thanked City staff who go above and beyond and are extremely valuable. Ms. Schroeder said she looks forward to joining the new Mayor and Council in hopes of doing some great things for this community together. She said farewell to City Manager Nygaard who's gift for management has benefitted not only the Council but the entire community. She wished him the best in the future, stressing that he will be leaving the City in a much better place than when he arrived.

Councilor Miller thanked her campaign managers, treasurers, parents, sister, fellow councilors and staff. She said she appreciates the respectful conversations and friendships that have developed. She thanked her three children who have supported her campaigns and for the hundreds of hours they have spent with babysitters or at home with each other while she has attended meetings. Ms. Miller noted that she will support her children if they ever choose to do the same. She said her advice to the incoming councilors is to ride along with first responders, on both day and night shifts. She said this activity humbled her and helped her understand a lot of decisions she had to make. Ms. Miller encouraged all walks of life to run for Council, encouraging military veterans, disabled, native Americans, people of color, youth and the LGBTQ Plus community. She stressed that she loves Lewiston and though it has its issues and a complex culture, she is extremely proud of what has been accomplished over the past six years and wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Councilor Blakey said that he moved to Lewiston in 1990 and believes it is one of the most wonderful places in the United States to live. Though he looks forward to retirement, he enjoyed every day that he served on the City Council. He expressed appreciation to those who participated in meetings, to City employees, and to the underappreciated individuals who volunteered to serve

on the city's boards and commissions. Finally, he thanked City Manager Alan Nygaard, stating that he would be first in line to write him a letter of recommendation.

Mayor Collins said that though he did a great deal of research when looking into running for City Council 8 years ago, he had so much to learn when elected. His associates at LCSC were concerned about the negative result on their programs, but have seen them the most successful in their history over the past 8 years. Once elected, Mayor Collins said he had certain things he wanted to do on a daily basis: be a good listener, have an open mind, realize that everyone has an opinion, stay true to his morals, practice integrity, realize he won't make everyone happy, and to follow his upbringing and make things better than how he found them. Mayor Collins said this experience has made him a better person and he hopes he has made others better as well. He encouraged the incoming Councilors to listen with an open mind. Finally, he thanked City Manager's Bennett and Nygaard, past and current Councilors, Department Managers and staff.

**VIII. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR DANIEL JOHNSON**

City Clerk Ravencroft administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Daniel Johnson.

**IX. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILORS**

City Clerk Ravencroft administered the Oath of Office to incoming Councilors Luke Blount, Kasee Forsmann, Jim Kleeburg, Hannah Liedkie, Kathy Schroeder and Rick Tousley.

**X. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

City Clerk Ravencroft provided the incoming Councilors and Mayor with Certificates of Election.

**XI. ELECTION OF A COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

City Clerk Ravencroft called for nominations of the Council for Council President.

Councilor Tousley nominated Councilor Liedkie.

Councilor Kleeburg nominated himself.

A roll call vote was taken for Councilor Liedkie to serve as Council President. *ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Liedkie; Blount; Forsmann; Schroeder; Tousley. VOTING NAY: Kleeburg.*

**XII. ACTIVE AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ANNUAL STREET REPORT: *Considering approval of the 2021 Street Report***

Councilor Schroeder made a motion to approve the 2021 Street Report. Councilor Kleeburg seconded. The motion carried 6 to 0.

**B. ORDINANCES**

**1. FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

- a. ORDINANCE 4842: *Enacting Section 1-9 to designate the Lewiston Tribune as the official newspaper of the City of Lewiston; repealing Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Lewiston City Code and enacting a new Chapter 2 to reflect the City's change to a Mayor-Council form of government; enacting a new Chapter 44 (Business Improvement Districts); repealing Section 13-25 (Mayoral Elections); updating cross-citations in several sections; replacing "City Manager" with "Mayor" in several sections***

City Attorney Gómez reported that proposed Chapter 2 sets out the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor and Council already established within City Code. She noted that she provided the Councilors with a list of 23 pages of questions that will need to be updated in order to establish the rules the City will operate under for years to come. Ms. Gómez suggested that all three readings and adoption take place this evening in order to operate under the Mayor form of government. She asked that the Council consider establishing a subcommittee of councilors to work through the questions and to then provide a recommendation to the full Council.

Councilors Liedkie and Tousley moved and seconded, respectively, to combine the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings and waive the third reading in full of Ordinance 4842. The motion carried 5 to 1, with Councilor Blount voting nay.

Councilor Kleeburg offered a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of Ordinance 4842. Councilor Schroeder seconded and the motion.

**ORDINANCE 4842:** "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON ENACTING SECTION 1-9 TO DESIGNATE THE LEWISTON TRIBUNE AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON; REPEALING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE LEWISTON CITY CODE AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 2 TO REFLECT THE CITY'S CHANGE TO A MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT; ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 44 (BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS); REPEALING SECTION 13-25 (MAYORAL ELECTIONS); UPDATING CROSS-CITATIONS

IN SEVERAL SECTIONS; REPLACING "CITY MANAGER" WITH "MAYOR"  
IN SEVERAL SECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE"

**2. ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE SUMMARIES**

**a. ORDINANCE 4842**

A motion and second were made by Councilors Schroeder and Kleeburg to adopt Ordinance 4842 and approve the related Ordinance Summary. *ROLL CALL VOTE: Liedkie; Forsmann; Kleeburg; Schroeder; Tousley. VOTING NAY: Blount.*

**C. COUNCIL ORIENTATION**

City Attorney Gómez reported that the Legal office performs an annual or bi-annual training on the Ethics in Government Act. With several new councilors this year, she asked if the group would like to have the training provided specifically for them, noting it could be scheduled in one longer session or broken up into two sessions. Following discussion, Ms. Gomez noted that the councilors would be contacted to schedule a date and time that works for all.

**XIII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS**

Councilor Tousley thanked the people of Lewiston who have chosen to honor his candidacy and listen to what he believes is important for the City of Lewiston. He said this is an extremely excited time and he is humbled that the people of Lewiston have put their trust in him. Councilor Tousley thanked his family for their support, adding that he will do everything he can to be the best city councilor possible.

Councilor Forsmann thanked the previous Council for all of the hard work they have put in, as well as her husband and family. She congratulated the new councilors and Mayor, stating that this is a good team that can work and collaborate together.

Councilor Liedkie thanked all those who have supported her, noting that she ran for Council knowing that change can happen. It's not about the Council's own interests, but rather the interests of the residents of this community. Ms. Liedkie said she is very excited about the change in the form of government and encouraged anyone who would like to talk to reach out.

Councilor Schroeder reported that the first time she ran for Council her husband was extremely proud of her, and she said it was him who was telling her to run again. She indicated she is excited about working through this form of government and is looking forward to accomplishing great things with the new councilors.

Councilor Blount said that he loves Idaho and this Valley. He stated he is excited to work under the new form of government and see what awesome things the group can come up with.

Councilor Kleeburg expressed appreciation to his wife, stating that she has been his rock. After 12 years on and Council and 4 of those as Mayor, he said he ran for office as the new form of government intrigued him. He stated that he looks forward to making a difference and thanked Mr. Nygaard for his hard work and success as Lewiston's City Manager.

**B. MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Johnson thanked the outgoing councilors for their service to the City. He also thanked City Manager Nygaard, stating that he looks forward to continuing the work he did on the strategic plan and working with community partners on the community plan. Mr. Johnson said that in preparing to serve as Mayor, he spent many hours meeting with other mayors, city staff and association members. He said he will continue to invest more time to listen and learn about ideas for better government. Mayor Johnson challenged all to be better for those who receive city services, adding that he promises to be open and transparent. He indicated that he will come prepared to each Council session and ready to work. He thanked all those who volunteer on various boards and commissions, noting that they are critical to the success of the City. For local, state and federal partners, he said this group is here and ready to work beside them and will show how much those partners are valued in every action taken. Mayor Johnson said he will meet with the business owners and solicit their feedback. He will ask veterans, business owners, civic members, and youth to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings. Transparency is critical and trust is imperative. Finally, he thanked his father and his wife for their continued guidance and support.

**C. ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

There were no Advisory Board or Commission appointments.

**D. AGENDA TOPICS**

Councilor Schroeder offered a motion to place Twin City Foods on a future City Council agenda. President Liedkie seconded the motion. She stated she would like to know how much money has been invested to date, what grants may be available, and the pros and cons of moving forward. Councilor Kleeburg said he doesn't see this as a high priority. The motion carried 4 to 2, with Councilors Blount and Kleeburg voting nay.

There was a consensus of the Council to also schedule for January 24, 2022, the creation and appointment of Councilors to a subcommittee to review Chapter 2 for recommendation to the full Council.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Schroeder and Kleeburg moved and seconded, respectively, adjournment of the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting at 7:21 p.m.