

*January 19, 2023*

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Meeting at the City Hall West Conference Room at 1134 F 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 (Zoom); Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Tousley; Councilor Kleeburg; Councilor Spickelmire.

Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. ACTIVE AGENDA**

- A. RESOLUTION 2023-6:** *Declaring that an emergency exists and that the public interest and necessity demands the immediate expenditure of public money without compliance with formal bidding procedures.*

Mayor Johnson explained that today's meeting was to discuss Resolution 2023-6, due to the ruptured reservoir, and asked Public Works Director Johnson to fill the Councilors in.

Public Works Director Johnson explained that on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, the high reservoir on 16th Avenue ruptured resulting in a loss of 3 million gallons of water and localized flooding. When the rupture occurred, water was exposed to the elements and a boil water order was sent out to Lewiston residents. Currently, staff are trying to better understand what happened, working on isolating the reservoir and getting the boil order lifted.

Continuing, Public Works Director Johnson said the resolution requests up to \$200,000 for valves to isolate the reservoir and get the boil order lifted. The estimated amount does not cover repair costs, as they are still evaluating what the best options are, and the resolution allows them to procure items faster. Once the reservoir is isolated, the boil order can be lifted. Public Works Director Johnson concluded by explaining that the boil alert order had been lifted for the south half of the town, as the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had been testing samples of water. An update will be provided at the City Council meeting on January 23, 2023.

After Councilors commended Public Works Director Johnson and City staff for their time and efforts to mitigate the issue, Councilors Kleeburg and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2023-6. *ROLL CALL: VOTING AYE: Liedkie; Schroeder; Tousley; Kleeburg; Spickelmire; Forsmann. VOTING NAY: None*

### III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Schroeder and Tousley moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the January 19, 2023 Special meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:26 p.m.