

March 10, 2022

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Meeting at the Lewiston City Library, 411 D Street.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Councilor Kleeburg

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTATIONS

A. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Jon Evans, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club, reported that in 2021, the following services were provided, specific to Lewiston residents:

- 1,543 Club Members
- 198 Flag Football participants
- 312 Fall Soccer participants
- 248 Basketball participants
- 370 Spring Soccer participants
- 102 Summer Sports Camp participants

Additionally, 1,050 total financial scholarships were provided in the amount of \$55,445.

Mr. Evans said that one of the most critical aspects of the Boys & Girls Club receiving financial support from the City is that it opens doors to leverage funds for additional dollars. In 2021, the Club utilized \$17,000 from the City to attain \$842,432.92. This reflects a return of \$49.56 for every dollar that the City invested in the Club. Finally, Mr. Evans provided an overview of Capital Projects, as well as an update on plans for Booth Hall.

B. VISIT LEWIS CLARK VALLEY

Michelle Peters, President/CEO for Visit Lewis Clark Valley, noted that their mission is to, with its partners, strive to attract visitors from around the world to experience the Lewis Clark Valley to support a positive economic impact. Funding sources include Asotin County, the City of Clarkston, the Idaho Travel Council Grant, the City of Lewiston and private funds. Visit Lewis Clark Valley provides assistance and support for convention bids, pre- and post-conference tours, welcome bags for conventions, conferences and groups, visitor information, tourism product development, and meet and greets for cruise ship passengers.

Continuing, Ms. Peters spoke about tourism impacts to Valley economy, economic development related to leisure and hospitality, the cruise ship industry and its benefits. There are 123 leisure and hospitality establishments in Nez Perce County and a total lodging revenue of \$15,184,000 in 2021.

C. VALLEY VISION

Scott Corbitt, President and CEO of Valley Vision, provided an introduction to Valley Vision and explained that it is an economic development agency formed in 1996. Every dollar of the City's \$40,000 contribution leverages an additional \$6.40 in economic development investment dollars. Mr. Corbitt spoke to economic development, business retention and growth, business recruitment and entrepreneurship, and business climate improvements.

D. ADULT RESOURCE CENTER

Gabe Iacoboni, President and Founder of the Adult Resource Center, provided a history of warming shelters in the Valley. The LC Valley Adult Resource Center is an overnight location, open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., that provides a warm place for up to 20 guests to sleep at night. Mr. Iacoboni spoke to several success stories and future plans of the Adult Resource Center.

Michelle King, Founder of the Adult Resource Center, said they had been open for three months, which has had a substantial positive impact. The Adult Resource Center is a much needed resource to the community. She thanked Council for their support.

E. BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN LEWISTON

Brenda Morgan, Executive Director of Beautiful Downtown Lewiston, expressed excitement on projects they will be working on over the next few years. She then provided a history of Beautiful Downtown Lewiston and their four principles. Beautiful Downtown Lewiston is able to invest in community driven projects, such as Pumpkin Palooza, and host family friendly activities thanks to the City's contribution. Finally, Ms. Morgan reviewed the Business Improvement District and upcoming projects.

F. LEWISTON CIVIC THEATER - Nancy McIntosh

Nancy McIntosh, Executive Director of the Lewiston Civic Theater, reported that the Lewiston Civic Theater agreed to provide cultural services and activities to the residents of Lewiston. She introduced the new members of the board of directors.

Eric Justis, Treasurer of the Lewiston Civic Theater, spoke to the value of the theater and the City's support to the community. The theater is fiscally responsible and revenue sources come from ticket sales, concessions, membership, sponsors and donations.

Mike Cannon, Board of Director for the Lewiston Civic Theater, said the board has started the beginning stages of planning for the future, which includes a strategic plan and sponsorship activities.

Amy Baker Stout, Vice President of the Lewiston Civic Theater, explained that the City's contribution is allowing them to contribute to the cultural wellbeing of the community and getting the word out. She reviewed upcoming projects and productions, the youth program, and youth presentation in the summer.

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Schroeder and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the March 10, 2022 Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m.