

June 13, 2022

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Joint Special Meeting with the Nez Perce County Commissioners on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

City Council meetings are recorded live. To view the full video, go to <https://livestream.com/lewiston/events/3725902/videos/231647550>

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Councilor Blount;

NEZ PERCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Zenner; Commissioner Beck; Commissioner Havens

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Missy McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Julie Reyes, Lewiston resident, commented that she was attending the meeting to find out the plans on Gun Club. Her concern is with the rain adding to the already overgrown weeds, it will be a health and fire hazard.

IV. JOINT CITY OF LEWISTON/NEZ PERCE COUNTY BUDGET ITEMS:

A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Commission Chair Zenner said the Emergency Management and Road Director would not be in attendance due to current weather conditions. The coordinator position is shared half and half, the shared salary for fiscal year 2023 is \$33,664.80.

Commissioner Havens explained that a city-wide evacuation plan is being prepared as part of the Emergency Operations Plan.

B. POLICE OPERATIONS/SPILLMAN:

Chief Hurd explained the projected cost for the Lewiston Police Department and Nez Perce County Sheriff maintenance breakdown for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is a total of \$129,612.71,

shared between the 911 Board paying \$26,515.58, Lewiston Police Department paying \$54,687.91 and Nez Perce County paying \$48,409.22.

C. E-911 PROGRAM:

Bill Reynolds, Chairman of the 911 Board explained the 2023 budget year is more of a maintenance year. Staff is working on cyber security, updates to the Spillman system, and upgrades to the recording system. Mr. Reynolds said they would need to keep in mind that next generation 911 is coming, which will affect broadband needs that are critical for the region. He remarked that the City and County are doing a great job working together to determine the best solutions to operate and maintain a consolidated 911 center.

D. AIRPORT:

Airport Manager Michael Isaacs updated the Council and Commissioners on Airport projects. Mr. Isaacs said the Airport does not expect to have any financial ask, but they are in need of vehicles and a street sweeper. He asked the City to consider taking over the Airport's shuttle service to Pullman/Moscow through its transit services, as they will be working on ARFF and will be spread thin.

E. SANITATION:

Commissioner Zenner explained that the Nez Perce County sanitation service is co-located with the Transfer Station and Asotin County Landfill. They have not been hit with a surcharge yet, but they are expecting the upcoming Consumer Price Index (CPI) costs to hit them hard.

Public Works Director Johnson said the Consumer Price Index (CPI) number will soon be published. All collection rates are based on the CPI, but the good news is the contracts with Inland Northwest and the Asotin County Landfill do not expire until the end of 2024 and 2025, respectively.

F. SOUTHWAY BRIDGE:

Public Works Director Johnson explained the Southway Bridge is owned by four separate agencies; Nez Perce County, City of Lewiston, City of Clarkston, and Asotin County. The bridge was constructed in 1982 and routine inspections are performed every two years by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), with the last inspection being completed in May 2022.

G. DOWNTOWN WATER PROJECT UPDATE:

Public Works Director Johnson reviewed the Downtown Water Project, which is being funded with \$5.6 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Interviews to select a

design consultant have been recently completed to determine the best way to prioritize and spend the funding.

H. WARNER PATHWAY:

Public Works Director Johnson explained there have been several concerns and near misses of students walking from Expedition Way to the high school, which has caused them to re-evaluate the pathways priority. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) ranked it at #14, due to a lack of pedestrian facilities from Expedition Way to the high school. Nez Perce County owns the right-of-way on the north side and the City owns the right-of-way on the south side, so there is interest in a joint effort to construct a pathway to address the issues before school starts in the fall.

I. SHARED RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Public Works Director Johnson provided a map showing the shared right-of-way with the City and County, which causes issues related to maintenance. Ideally, either the County should own all of the road or the City should own all of the road. He explained it is an ongoing issue and it would benefit both agencies to sit down and divvy up the roads.

J. GUN CLUB ROAD:

Mayor Johnson explained he had some questions and concerns about Gun Club Road, due to the amount of traffic, maintenance, nuisances, and improvements. Chair Zenner explained the County is working on traffic safety and they are unsure whether the owner of the property wants to be involved. The Nez Perce County Prosecutor has gone out to the property but has not had a chance to provide an update, due to his busy schedule.

Shannon Grow, Director of Lewis-Clark Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (LCVMPO), explained a study was done on the Gun Club Corridor but it is not a high priority on their list.

The Nez Perce County Commissioners said they would update the Mayor and Council once they receive information from the prosecutor.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Liedkie thanked staff for their presentations in budget meetings, but requested information be provided before meetings. Councilor Forsmann agreed.

Councilor Schroeder is in favor of having more joint meetings with Nez Perce County and would also like information provided prior to meetings.

B. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson thanked the County Commissioners for being at the meeting and said he is looking forward to the City and County working together.

C. NEZ PERCE COUNTY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Zenner expressed the need to have Joint City/County meetings at least 3 times a year because there are lots of shared services and citizens between the two.

Commissioner Beck commented that communication is growing and agreed more joint meetings would be good.

Commissioner Havens said there are plans to meet more during the Courthouse project and encouraged Council to discuss the dams again, as it is a big opportunity for them to address the issue which is critical to the community.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Liedkie and Tousley moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the June 13, 2022 work session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.