

June 27, 2022

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Budget Session on Monday, June 27, 2022, at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D Street. Council President Liedkie called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Johnson (via Zoom); Council President Liedkie; Councilor Blount; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Tousley (via Zoom); Councilor Kleeburg

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Kleeburg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Deputy City Clerk Brocke read an email received from Brian Hensley relating to the high cost of city government and cutting costs.

Ken Krahn, Lewiston resident, asked Councilors to do the right thing and fix what the City already has, rather than build new. Mr. Kraun also said the citizens deserve an answer on where the money went from the large fee increase that took place eight years ago.

IV. BUDGET ITEMS:

A. LIBRARY

Library Director Johnson provided background information on the Library and how it is funded. She ran through the Trust, Capital and Operating Fund accounts, along with considerations for fiscal year 2022 and 2023. Fiscal Year 2023 is proposed to bring in a total revenue of \$1,523,530, with expenses of \$1,523,530. Ms. Johnson concluded her presentation by outlining several priorities of the Library, which include increasing community awareness, making materials and resources available, and providing excellent customer service.

B. PARKS (INCLUDING CAPITAL); RECREATION; FACILITIES

Parks and Recreation Director Barker provided an update on the recreation, maintenance and facilities divisions, along with their proposed budgets. He supplied several highlights for

each division and requested that Council consider adding a pool liner to both Bert Lipps and Orchards pools, along with a flooring replacement for Fenton Gym for Fiscal Year 2023.

C. GOLF

Parks and Recreation Director Barker explained the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 revenue is \$115,000, which is received from the current lease. After expenses, only \$10,000 is available for obligation and projects to be completed including addressing storm water issues and liner replacement in the overflow pond.

D. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Assistant Planner Hollingshead explained the Historic Preservation Commission is applying for a Community Enhancement Grant from the Idaho State Historical Society, which will fund the Plaques Project. The Plaques Project will purchase and install 23 identifying plaques on historic buildings in the West End Historic District. The locations correspond with the existing Walking Tour Map and provide additional information about the building. The total cost of the project is \$3,000, with the Historic Preservation Commission paying \$1,500 and the City matching the other \$1,500.

E. TRANSIT

Transit Manager Seigneur explained the budget considerations for Fiscal Year 2023 include shifting the 3rd route into 2024, expanding dial-a-ride to cover North Lewiston and providing certified Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training. Ms. Seigneur concluded her presentation with proposed revenue for fiscal year 2023. The proposed revenue is a total of \$1,277,840 with proposed expenses totaling \$1,312,840. Capital expenditures come to a total of \$495,000, with the city covering \$35,000 and grants covering \$460,000.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Forsmann thanked staff for getting information prepared prior to the budget session.

B. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Johnson thanked Councilors for their work.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Forsmann and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the June 27, 2022 work session. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:34 p.m.