

*August 8, 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 Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Connor Stout led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Brian Hensley, Lewiston resident, expressed concern for the inequities between City and Orchards water and sewer users. He said that 40 percent of city water users have stopped watering their lawns because they can't afford to. Mr. Hensley expressed his belief that downtown water users should pay the same as LOID patrons. He also expressed opposition to the purchase of exercise equipment for the Community Park scheduled on this evening's agenda.

Toni Kraut, representing Pickle ball, reported she recently sent a letter to the City Council regarding a club the Pickle ball group is participating in at Sunset Park. The group has worked very hard to raise money to expand the only public courts within the City. Last year, the City Council approved a proposal wherein the group would pay half and the City would pay the other half. Staff notified the Pickle ball group in April that this project needed to be engineered and was pushed to 2023. Costs have now increased and additional money will be needed. Ms. Kraut said her Club currently has \$120,000 to donate towards the project and the hope is that this Council will allocate additional funding in 2023 so the project can be completed. With no courts planned within Community Park, Ms. Kraut said it seems like a "no brainer" to expand the courts within Sunset Park to accommodate 36 players rather than the current 24.

Nancy McIntosh, Lewiston, Executive Director of the Civic Theater, thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Civic Theater during its mainstage season. Amy Baker Stout, Vice President of the Board, said they had a very successful launch in live theater after COVID. Summer camp was brought back after three years and Ms. Baker provided comments of those who participated. She stressed that the city's dollars have a huge impact and thanked the Council for its support. Actor Connor Stout said that the Civic Theater is great for everyone. He added that everyone has magic inside of them and kids getting to be somebody they thought they could never be in a show is a lot of fun.

Johanna Frank encouraged the Council to provide porta-potties throughout town for the homeless.

Mark Sherry addressed violence in schools throughout the Country. He urged the Council to fund school resource officers for every school in Lewiston, as well as body armor and full tactical gear that could be readily available.

Sam Weeks, Lewiston, stated he graduated from LCSC in 2019 and the Civic Theater is one reason he stays in this area. He said he frequents parks 3 to 4 times per week and is very excited for things to come in Community Park. Many young people are eager about this opportunity for Lewiston.

Mike Lorenz, Lewiston, said Pat McCann is down to about a dozen cattle in the feedlot off of Bryden Canyon. Once the cattle are all out, he said it would behoove the City to prohibit cattle from going back into this area. He questioned why city water is being wasted on a feedlot and encouraged the Council to rectify the situation.

#### **IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING: ZNC22-000005 – McCANN RANCH & LIVESTOCK:** *Accepting testimony on a request to rezone approximately 2.45 acres of land located directly to the west of 615 Stewart Avenue*

Stating it was the time and place advertised for the public hearing regarding ZNC22-000005, Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing and asked that a staff report be provided.

Assistant Planner Hollingshead explained that the subject property is currently vacant land, with properties to the south and west being single family residential and property to the east being a church and private school. This property is a portion of a 54-acre parcel that is currently zoned F2, Agricultural Transitional, with minimum lot sizes of 5 acres. The proposed rezone would allow infill development and utilization of some existing infrastructure (roads and water line) while extending the sewer. This supports the Comprehensive Plan objective to infill residential development at a similar density level to the surrounding neighborhood. Ms. Hollingshead reported the surrounding neighborhood is zoned Low Density Residential, R2A with minimum lot widths and depths of 70 feet and 100 feet respectively. Given the size of the subject property, nine lots of approximately 11,000 square feet could be created that meet the dimensional standards. This size of lot could support either a single family dwelling or a duplex. Over 2.45 acres, nine dwelling units (single family homes) would result in a density level of 3.6 dwelling units per acre, while 18 dwelling units (nine duplexes) would result in a density level of 7.3 dwelling units per acre. The desired density range for Low Density Residential is 5 to 8 dwelling units per acre, which the proposal meets. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and recommend unanimously that the Council approve the rezone.

Mayor Johnson called for testimony, both in favor and against, ZNC22-000005. There being none, he declared the hearing closed.

- B. **ORDINANCE 4855 – FIRST READING:** *Implementing the City Council's decision in ZNC22-000005, declaring that certain real property be removed from the Agricultural Transitional (F-2) Zone and included in the Low Density Residential (R-2A) Zone*

A motion was offered by Councilor Schroeder and seconded by Councilor Forsmann to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4855. The motion carried 6 to 0.

ORDINANCE 4855: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON IMPLEMENTING THE CITY COUNCIL’S DECISION IN ZNC22-000005, DECLARING THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BE REMOVED FROM THE AGRICULTURAL TRANSITIONAL (F-2) ZONE AND INCLUDED IN THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2A) ZONE; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE”

C. **PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC WORKS WATER FEES, WASTEWATER FEES, OTHER RELATED FEES AND SANITATION FEES**: *Accepting testimony on the consideration of fees for Water; Wastewater; Right-of-Way Easement Vacations, Right-of-Way Permits and Subdivision Reviews; and Sanitation fees for the Fiscal Year 2023*

It was stated by Mayor Johnson that this evening was the time and place advertised for the public hearing regarding Public Works Water Fees, Wastewater Fees, Other Related Fees, and Sanitation Fees. Upon declaring the hearing open, he asked for a staff report.

Public Works Director Johnson reported that all utilities are established under a master plan. An analytical approach is taken to look at how each utility is doing and then they are prioritized and dollar amounts are established. This information is rolled into the utility rate study and goals are set and this cycle continues every year. As components are completed, others are adjusted.

Mr. Johnson explained that an equity buy-in (EBI) fee is a one-time charge on new or expanded connections to the system to recover a proportionate share of the cost of system assets. EBI’s promote equity between existing customers and growth ensuring new connections to the system are an equitable share of the cost of system infrastructure. Water and wastewater have this component added into their rates. Lewiston is slowly increasing this rate 3 percent each year in an effort to catch up to the rates throughout the State.

With regard to Water, Mr. Johnson noted that the utility rate study recommended a 5.25 percent rate increase annually for 10 years, which was not a favorable option. Staff has worked with the Council and Mayor to find ways to keep the increases low. Though it is possible to go with a 0 percent increase, that difference would have to be made up next year, so a rate that is equitable and fair is desired. For Water, Public Works Director Johnson said that staff is recommending an increase of 3.5 percent.

Continuing, Mr. Johnson reported that a 1.5 percent increase is being recommended for Wastewater which will not sacrifice projects moving forward. The increase would increase the base rate from \$48.88 to \$49.61 for residential sewer usage. The plant will be closing out its 2.5-year construction project this October which will make it much easier to forecast future years.

Public Works Director Johnson stated that Sanitation is the smallest utility, but the most complicated. This service is contracted to Sunshine Disposal, but unfortunately there are inflating factors within the contract that allows them to ask for additional money when fuel and the CPI goes up. However, many of the city's costs are attributed to tipping fees with Asotin County. Based on the reserves, the recommendation within the rate study was 3 percent, but staff is recommending a 2 percent increase. Mr. Johnson noted that a previous surcharge for recycling of \$2.10 is no longer needed so even with the increase, everyone's bills will actually go down.

Within Engineering, it was determined through an internal audit that the true costs for inspection and surveying were not being covered. Therefore, these fees are recommended to be increased by a bit more than the recommended 2.5 percent.

Councilor Kleeburg explained that he owns just under a quarter of an acre in the Orchards and is assessed twice a year whether he uses the water or not. LOID charges on square footage, so Orchards residents are definitely not getting a free ride.

Discussion ensued regarding fees for rights-of-way, and parades and public assemblies. With regard to non-profit organizations, it was the decision of a prior Council to not charge for parades and public assemblies. However, Mr. Johnson explained that staff feels it is the equitable decision to have the same charges for everyone.

Testimony in favor of and against was requested by Mayor Johnson.

Brian Hensley, Lewiston resident, commented on the recommended 1.5 percent increase on sewage. He noted this only affects downtown users, noting that Orchards residents are charged much less by COSD. Further, Asotin County pays only \$40 per month according to their new schedules.

Upon no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

**D. RESOLUTION 2022-26: *Considering restating and amending the Public Works Department fees for water, effective October 1, 2022***

Councilors Tousley and Kleeburg moved and seconded, respectively, approval of Resolution 2022-26. *ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Liedkie; Forsmann; Kleeburg; Schroeder; Tousley. VOTING NAY: None.*

**E. RESOLUTION 2022-27: *Considering restating and amending the Public Works Department fees for wastewater, effective October 1, 2022***

A motion was offered by Councilor Schroeder to approve Resolution 2022-27. Councilor Tousley provided a second.

Councilor Tousley reported that in the last couple of years, both the water and wastewater plants have been completely reconstructed. Though this council was not part of that decision making process, all citizens will benefit. Director Johnson has spent a great deal of time on these projects and is looking forward to completion.

Councilor Forsmann said it is unfortunate that money will have to be spent to replace pipes, but with them being so old, this is where it stands. Councilor Kleeburg added that passage of the water and wastewater bonds at close to \$80 million was groundbreaking for the city. However, the distribution and collection systems were not part of those bonds. Pipes are over 100 years old and water is leaking into the soil. It will be important for the Council to plan for the future.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: *Liedkie; Forsmann; Kleeburg; Schroeder; Tousley.*  
VOTING NAY: *None.*

- F. **RESOLUTION 2022-30**: *Considering restating and amending fees for Vacations of Public Rights-of-Way, Easements and Plats; Right-of-Way Permits, Subdivision filings and other related Public Works fees, effective October 1, 2022*

It was moved and seconded by Councilors Tousley and Schroeder, respectively, to approve Resolution 2022-30.

Councilor Liedkie said she believes Union employees are working hard to come up with long-term solutions and there is a base that is carrying a huge amount of weight through the taxpayers. Several Councilors attended a COSD meeting wherein discussions on how to create fairness and a level playing field were discussed. She asked the Council to take an opportunity to make sure that people are being creative for the long-term and all will benefit. Ms. Liedkie said she would not be supporting adoption of Resolution 2022-30 this evening.

ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: *Schroeder; Tousley.* VOTING NAY: *Liedkie; Kleeburg; Forsmann.* Motion failed.

- G. **RESOLUTION 2022-32** *Considering restating and amending sanitation fees, effective October 1, 2022*

A motion was offered by Council President Liedkie to approve Resolution 2022-32. Councilor Forsmann provided a second. ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: *Liedkie; Forsmann; Kleeburg; Schroeder; Tousley.* VOTING NAY: *None.*

- H. **PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**: *Accepting testimony on the potential amendment of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget to receive unanticipated revenues received during the fiscal year and authorizing their expenditures*

It was announced by Mayor Johnson that this was the time and place advertised for the public hearing regarding the FY'22 Budget Amendments. He opened the hearing and asked Finance Director Gordon for a staff report.

Ms. Gordon stated that this ordinance allows staff to amend the current year budget for items unknown at the time the budget was written. Many items tend to be small, along with unknown revenues that became available. The majority of the items on the list most likely came to the previous Council for approval in some manner.

Council President Liedkie asked if the City has received any reimbursement for the demolition of 854/848 Main Street. Ms. Gordon replied that nothing came from the property owner. The total amount was certified to Nez Perce County for collection through property taxes, but this will take up to three years before any monies could potentially be received. Further, Finance Director Gordon noted that when this was certified to Nez Perce County, it was recorded to the deed so that the property owner cannot sell until the debt is resolved.

Mayor Johnson called for testimony either in favor of or against the budget amendments. None was provided and the hearing was closed.

- I. **ORDINANCE 4856:** *Considering amending Ordinance 4828, the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, appropriating additional monies that are to be received by the City of Lewiston in the sum of \$19,302,140*

A motion and second were offered by Councilor Schroeder and Council President Liedkie to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4856. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 4856:** “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 4828, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONIES THAT ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO IN THE SUM OF NINETEEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$19,162,140); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE”

- J. **PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET:** *Accepting testimony on the proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023*

After stating that tonight was the time and place advertised for the public hearing regarding the FY23 Budget, Mayor Johnson opened the hearing and called for a staff report.

Finance Director Gordon thanked the Council for their participation in many extra budget sessions and the Department Directors for their presentations to the Council. The FY'23 budget before the Council this evening presents a zero percent property tax. Further, it includes current pay scales and step increases for all Pay Groups, includes a 0 percent health premium

increase, reclassification of dispatchers to PERSI Public Safety Rate, department budget savings, additional Facility funding, additional Transportation funding and use of Reserves.

Ms. Gordon reviewed property taxes, budget requests to include a lease for Fire Station 4, money for some additional slurry sealing for City parking lots and facilities, \$250,000 for deferred maintenance, a market analysis for the Cemetery Fund, and a microenterprise program funded by CDBG funds.

Finance Director Gordon explained that Transportation Capital had no impact on property taxes. The 12<sup>th</sup> St/Bryden Avenue sidewalks were funded through FILO fees and traffic impact fees. Additional funding for street preservation, arterial streets and ADA/sidewalks has not been funded but are scheduled for discussion in subsequent budget years as funding sources will need to be reviewed. Transportation recently received about \$700,000 by means of a program through Governor Little's office. This funding will show on the FY'23 amendment list in order to spend the dollars for transportation infrastructure.

With regard to General Fund Reserves, Ms. Gordon noted that almost \$1.9 million is budgeted to be spent. At the end of FY'21, there was \$11.6 million in unassigned reserve balance, which equates to about 142 days of cash on hand, and approximately the same balance is expected at the end of FY'22. Within the FY'23 budget, after the \$1.9 expenditure, approximately 119 days of cash on hand will be left and best practice is approximately 90 days.

The assigned Building Fund reserves are set up specifically to take care of city improvements and infrastructure/capital projects. The Fire Station is included within the FY'23 budget at \$6.4 million.

Responding to a question raised by Councilor Kleeburg, Ms. Gordon noted that the \$6.3 million within the Economic Development Fund is for a downtown water project being funded with IRPA funds. Mr. Kleeburg then asked if the Police Retirement Fund is where it needs to be. Finance Director Gordon indicated that the Fund is considered fully funded; however, an actuarial report will be completed this fall to determine if additional funding is necessary after the market has not performed very well.

Mayor Johnson asked for testimony, both in favor of and against the FY'23 Budget.

Brian Hensley, Lewiston resident, said he is astonished that the City is still giving money to the Civic Theater when they dumped the old Bollinger building on the City at quite an expense.

Sherry (no last name provided) said she believes the Civic Theater is a vital service to the City and believes they should receive additional funding.

Council President Liedkie noted that later the Council will hear about \$700,000 that was voted for by a prior Council for Community Park. Parks and Recreation Director Barker

previously brought forward the purchase of exercise equipment for the Park that this Council voted against, but it is again before the Council for consideration. Finance Director Gordon indicated that the FY'22 budget includes \$1.5 for Community Park. Mr. Barker advised that the current phase, which includes the fitness equipment and shade structures. was all scheduled to be in progress during FY'22 at an estimated \$700,000. This equipment is proposed to come from the Parks Capital budget.

Council President Liedkie asked if the City is limited to use surplus on the fire station or if the Council could address additional deferred maintenance projects. She said her frustration is that this Council is dealing with a prior council's decision. If the current Council is trying to free up money, are they locked into utilizing the funding for the fire station? Finance Director Gordon explained that property taxes are dedicated to this fund each year. If the fire station were funded and completed, it would then free up funding for future years. She noted there are some options available to the Council.

Councilor Forsmann asked if the fire station funding could be used towards the 21<sup>st</sup> Street project, for instance. Ms. Gordon recommended that the funds already in place for transportation be utilized as the General Fund does not include funding for transportation.

Upon no further testimony provided, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

- K. ORDINANCE 4858 – FIRST READING:** *To be termed the “2023 Annual Appropriation Ordinance,” considering appropriating sums of money authorized by law and deemed necessary for all general and special municipal purposes of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023*

Ordinance 4858 was read for the first time following a motion and second from Councilors Schroeder and Kleeburg.

Councilor Kleeburg noted that there are two further opportunities at August Council meetings for citizen comment. He encouraged residents to be a part of the budget process.

The motion to read was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 4858:** “AN ORDINANCE TO BE TERMED THE “2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE,” APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND DEEMED NECESSARY FOR ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE”

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Johnson 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”.

Councilor Kleeburg moved and Councilor Schroeder seconded, respectively, adoption of the Consent Agenda, as amended. *ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Liedkie; Forsmann; Kleeburg; Schroeder; Tousley. VOTING NAY: None.*

- A. ADVISORY BOARD/COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: 07/13/22 Planning & Zoning Commission – Action Item
- B. VOUCHER’S PAYABLE: Considering approval of the Vouchers Payable dated 07/13/22 through 07/21/22 - \$2,762,697.58 – Action Item

VII. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. GREENFIELDS OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND SHADE STRUCTURES: Considering accepting the price proposal submitted by Greenfields Outdoor Fitness, Inc., per the Sourcewell contract in the amount of \$158,063.35 (Barker)

A motion was offered by Councilor Tousley to approve the purchase of outdoor fitness equipment and shade structures from Greenfields Outdoor Fitness, Inc., in the amount of \$158,063.35. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schroeder.

Parks and Recreation Director Barker said this item is back before the Council as it sounded like earlier concerns were regarding the recommended funding source and differentiating this type of equipment with other equipment in the valley. Mr. Barker explained that this equipment is part of parking lots phases 1 and 2. Phase 1 consists of a 59 stall parking lot and installation of a pre-fabricated restroom with 2 stalls. Phase 2 includes exercise equipment and two shade structures and is necessary in order to get final design for the bids as the company requires purchase and a signed agreement before they will release information. Another purchase that has already been made as part of Phase 2 is lighting for the basketball court at about \$30,000.

Continuing, Mr. Barker noted that the equipment was originally funded through the Building Reserve Account. However, it was determined that after shifting some projects to next year, the Parks Capital Account could be used for the purchase. The next phase of the project is to bid in November/December for spring construction to complete the parking lot phase 2 project.

In response to a question from Councilor Forsmann, Mr. Barker noted that the original estimate for the Fenton Gym roof was approximately \$170,000. He emphasized that the push from the Parks & Recreation Commission to move forward with this small 3-acre site at Community Park is because the City has already put a significant amount of money into it. These amenities would be a great addition for the citizens of Lewiston.

Councilor Tousley said he began walking the Community Park trail in 2007 and use is definitely growing. The more people getting out means healthier citizens. This park is developing into a great place and the only way it will get completed is to move forward one small project at a time.

Upon further discussion, the motion to approve carried 5 to 0. *ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Liedkie; Kleeburg; Forsmann; Schroeder; Tousley. VOTING NAY: None.*

**B. ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance 4859:** *Considering fixing and establishing the tax certification on all taxable properties situated within the corporate limits of the City of Lewiston for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, for the purpose of providing and raising monies for municipal and corporate purposes; providing for the tax certification to the Nez Perce Board of County Commissioners in the amount of \$23,308,020*

A motion and second were offered by Councilors Kleeburg and Schroeder to approve the first reading of Ordinance 4859. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 4859:** “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE TAX CERTIFICATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND RAISING MONIES FOR MUNICIPAL AND CORPORATE PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE TAX CERTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$23,308,020); PROVIDING A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO, AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF LEWISTON FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE”

- C. **RESOLUTION 2022-37:** *Declaring that an emergency exists and that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money for the purchase of materials and services to repair or replace the pump, motor, and/or other mechanical and electrical components for the City of Lewiston’s South Shore Station*

Public Works Director Johnson explained that though this is declared an emergency, there is no eminent risk. The ability to get these pumps in stock is 8 to 12 weeks, so this is being brought forth for Council action. The south shore pump station takes wastewater from this side of the river and pumps it to the treatment plan. There are four pumps on line, with two operating at all times in order to keep up with the flow. The spare pump is currently in the shop as it is leaking and failing, so a new pump is needed in order to get it on line.

Responding to a question raised by Councilor Tousley, Public Works Director Johnson reported that the worse-case scenario would be total failure. There are backup generators and standby pumps in Missoula that could be to Lewiston in four to five hours, but if no sewage could go through the lift station, it would begin to back up at 5<sup>th</sup> Street, take over the Tribune and Library and work its way up the hill.

It was moved by Councilor Tousley and seconded by Councilor Forsmann to approve Resolution 2022-37.

Councilor Schroeder offered an amended motion to change the amount from \$73,000 to “up to \$99,000” in order to accommodate shipping costs. Councilor President Liedkie seconded the motion.

Council President Liedkie called for the question. *ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Liedkie; Kleeburg; Forsmann; Schroeder; Tousley. VOTING NAY: None.*

The amended motion carried unanimously. *ROLL CALL VOTE: VOTING AYE: Liedkie; Kleeburg; Forsmann; Schroeder; Tousley. VOTING NAY: None.*

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

None.

**VIII. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:** *Comments shall not be related to an item currently before the City Council or an item that may come before the City Council in the foreseeable future, and shall be limited to comments, not discussion.*

Councilor Tousley said he recently attended the Community Park Open House and was disappointed at the turnout. He suggested the Council revisit what they can do to get more people involved. Further, Councilor Tousley said he attended a luncheon today wherein the superintendents from both Lewiston and Clarkson spoke about the security of valley schools. He noted he is proud to say that he believes the schools are very secure and is saddened to watch other schools turn toward the fortress/siege mentality.

Councilor Forsmann noted that an open house on public transportation was held with only two citizens in attendance. Also, an open house at the fire station was hosted with about 4 citizens participating. She noted that the Council and staff have worked hard to get the citizens involved, but it is up to them to show up and ask questions.

Councilor Kleeburg announced that River Access for Tomorrow would be taking rafts down the river on Saturday cleaning up the beaches. He encouraged anyone interested to participate.

Councilor Forsmann said she has heard a lot of positive feedback regarding the cleanup of 854/858 Main Street.

**B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES**

None.

**C. MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Johnson reported that Mr. Bill Strange and Gary Peters have worked diligently to restore an aircraft that lands on water. Mr. Strange has been awarded the golden wrench award for his L28 Beaver project, which is quite an accomplishment and is a first for putting Lewiston on the map for an aviation award. He congratulated them for their efforts.

Secondly, Mr. Johnson reminded the viewing audience that there is an opening on the Lewiston City Council and noted that applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2022.

**D. ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Johnson moved to reappoint Eric Peterson to the Disability Advisory Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kleeburg and carried 5 to 0.

**E. AGENDA TOPICS**

Councilor Tousley moved to add a discussion to the August 15, 2022, agenda for the purpose of forming a City Council subcommittee to work with other organizations and people to find and form a low barrier homeless shelter in Lewiston. The motion carried unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Forsmann and Schroeder moved and seconded, respectively, adjournment of the August 8, 2022, Regular Meeting at 8:48 p.m.