

September 6, 2022

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met in a Special Work Session at the Bell Building Second Floor Conference Room at 215 D 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; Councilor Forsmann; Councilor Schroeder; Councilor Tousley; Councilor Kleeburg;

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brianne Drury led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Eric Peterson, Lewiston resident, said he is interested in the homelessness agenda item and discussed emergency response information.

IV. ACTIVE AGENDA:

- A. RESOLUTION 2022-39:** *Considering approving the transfer of historical records to the Idaho State Historical Society*

City Clerk Ravencroft informed Councilors that the clerk's office had been working on digitizing all the old ordinances and resolutions, dating back to 1867. Since the clerk's office has to keep all documents in perpetuity, the vault is running out of room. The resolution would allow staff to transfer the documents to the Idaho State Historical Society Archives for safe storage.

Councilors Kleeburg and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to approve Resolution 2022-39. *ROLL CALL: Voting Aye: Kleeburg; Tousley; Liedkie; Schroeder; Forsmann. Voting Nay: None.*

V. WORK SESSION ITEMS

- A. CITY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS:** *Considering the application process and the submitted applications to fill the open City Council position through December 2023, and potential appointment by Mayor Johnson to fill such vacancy.*

Mayor Johnson explained Councilor Luke Blount resigned from City Council in July which created a vacancy on the Council. The public was notified and interested parties were able to submit applications to the City Clerk's office until August 15, 2022. A total of 14 applications were received and emailed to Council. The Mayor requested Councilors individually provide him with their top three choices. Based on the feedback received, Mayor Johnson offered several options for Council: 1) discuss all 14 applications received; 2) discuss only applications that received 1 vote; or 3) discuss the top 4 vote getters.

Councilors Kleeburg and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to consider the top applicants. The motion carried 3-2 with Councilors Liedkie and Forsmann voting nay.

Mayor Johnson informed the Council that the top vote getters were Scott Trotter, Kevin Kelly, John Spickelmire and Charles Bolon.

After discussion amongst the Council, Mayor Johnson moved to appoint John Spickelmire to the Lewiston City Council to fill the vacant position through December 2023. Councilor Schroeder seconded. *ROLL CALL: Voting Aye: Kleeburg; Tousley; Liedkie; Schroeder; Forsmann. Voting Nay: None.*

B. BRYDEN CANYON GOLF COURSE: *Update on the operation of the golf course.*

Parks and Recreation Director Barker explained that Jeff Briney is resigning from managing the Bryden Canyon Golf Course and invited him to speak.

Jeff Briney, President of Golf Fun Inc. and manager of the Bryden Canyon Golf Course, said he is thankful for the 22 years he has served. Mr. Briney said the City needs to evaluate its goals for the golf course and move forward in a way that will be more profitable for the city and the community.

Councilors Forsmann and Liedkie expressed their appreciation of Mr. Briney's services.

Mayor Johnson commended Mr. Briney on his professionalism and representation of the city.

Parks and Recreation Director Barker said it was not great news to hear, but it opens the city up for opportunities to move forward. He said he is reviewing options and the possibility of using a management firm to assist with the golf course.

C. DISCUSSION - ORDINANCE 4852 - WEEDS/PUBLIC NUISANCES: *Overview and discussion regarding City Code Chapter 43.*

Assistant City Attorney Shelby Sieracki provided an overview of the weeds/public nuisances ordinance. Historically, the nuisances have been a difficult process for code enforcement, police and citizens. The City Attorney's office has been working to unify the process and broke it into several phases. Phase 1 rewrote the inoperable vehicles chapter of Lewiston City

Code, while Phase 2 moves the weeds/nuisances from Chapter 17 to Chapter 43 in Lewiston City Code. Ms. Sieracki explained the next phase, Phase 3 is to move noise and junk nuisances into Chapter 43 of the Lewiston City Code. The goal is to have a process that works and for all the nuisances to be located in one spot within the Code.

Mayor Johnson excused himself at approximately 4:03 pm and Council President Liedkie took control of the meeting.

D. HOMELESSNESS: *Updated provided by Community Development Director Von Tersch*

Community Development Director Von Tersch explained that, at Council's direction, the department was instructed to find properties that were properly zoned for a homeless shelter and contact property owners by means of a letter. The letters informed the property owners that the City was building a list, and if they could indicate if they were interested in having their property be used for a homeless shelter. Of the 1,115 letters sent, 69 responded interested, 59 responded not interested and 987 did not respond. A subcommittee meeting for homelessness was scheduled for Thursday, September 8.

E. MEETING WITH SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS: *Discussion regarding a potential meeting between the City Council and small business owners.*

Council President Liedkie explained there was interest in a potential meeting with City Council and small business owners. She directed Council to reach out to the City Clerk's office to let them know who they would like invited.

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Kleeburg commented that the city is stuck for the time being related to the golf course and hopefully Parks and Recreation Director Barker will find someone to manage the facility.

Councilor Forsmann encouraged the public to run for City Council at the next election, as well as volunteer on other advisory boards and commissions.

Council President Liedkie commended the Mayor and Council on their work and navigating the new form of government.

B. CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS LIAISON UPDATES

Councilor Kleeburg noted a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 8th to discuss a cruise boat dock study.

C. MAYOR COMMENTS

None.

D. ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

E. AGENDA TOPICS

Councilor Kleeburg requested the rewrite of Ordinance 4852 – Weeds/Public Nuisances be placed on a future agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council, Councilors Tousley and Forsmann moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the September 6, 2022, special work session. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:23 p.m.