

MINUTES
CITY OF LEWISVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, 13 December 2023
Lewisville Community Center, 3451 E 480 N, Lewisville, Idaho

Prior to the beginning of the meeting Mayor Thomas read the guidelines for conduct in the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:02 p.m. at the Lewisville Community Center at 3451 E 480 N, Lewisville, Idaho. Present were Mayor Curtis S. Thomas; Council Members Brigham Briggs, Blake Ball and Celena Lewis; Officer Mike Miller from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department; Clerk/Treasurer, Donetta Fife; City Attorney, Kris Meek; residents and non-residents.

ROLL CALL

- Mayor Thomas – present
- James Ball – not present
- Celena Lewis -- present
- Brigham Briggs – present
- Blake Ball – present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Blake Ball

MINUTES:

- Minutes for the City Council Meeting held November 8, 2023 had previously been distributed to the Council by the Clerk. Celena moved that the Minutes be approved, Brigham seconded, motion passed.
- Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting held November 15, 2023 had previously been distributed to the Council by the Clerk. Celena moved that the Minutes be approved, Brigham seconded, motion passed.

POLICE REPORT:

A report from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department had been sent to the City and distributed to the Mayor and Council covering the period between October 14, 2023 and November 10, 2023. 112 hours were spent within the City with 6 complaints, no arrests, 1 DUI, 4 citations and 50 traffic contacts. Officer Miller explained that there were a couple of medical calls and a couple of controlled burns. Not much else.

KELLER & ASSOCIATES – WASTEWATER FACILITIES STUDY:

- Mayor Thomas indicated that as published and noted in the Agenda he would now take input on the Wastewater Facilities Study as proposed by Keller & Associates. Jaden Jackson from Keller was there to answer questions as well as Rick Miller and associates from ALTURA which is a local development company that helps communities obtain grants and complete projects.
- John Walker provided information on the effectiveness of individual septic disposal systems in comparison to a city-wide system. He indicated that there are grants and loans available for individuals to repair or replace individual systems. Many times these systems are more effective than the larger city-wide systems. He will provide that information to the clerk so information

for these sites can be made available on the City's webpage. He proposed that we do what is necessary to identify systems that need to be repaired and help these households obtain information to upgrade their systems to be more effective. Several residents agreed with John's suggestion.

- The following questions were asked and answers given:

Q: Do we know how many substandard systems there are in the city and how do we obtain this information.

A: Jaden indicated that he is not aware of an agency that has information enough to track systems that are very old. Seventh District Health does have records but it is not known how far back they cover.

Q: Many residents have a large investment in their septic systems. Would we be required to hook up to the new system.

A: Unless a majority of the residents were to connect to the system, the cost per household would be much higher. Even with a grant the cost per household per month would probably be in the \$80 range.

Q: Brigham asked what it would take to access the grants for financing the system.

A: Rick Miller explained the process for obtaining a grant. He indicated that even though a City applies for a grant and receives it, the City still has the option to accept the money or turn the grant money down if it is insufficient to meet the cost of the project. Some cities elect to accept a grant and hold it until they receive more grant money before proceeding with the project.

Q: Brigham indicated that he is still trying to figure out if the centralized system is really essential in the City. Perhaps we need to have a more comprehensive water testing procedure initiated in the City to determine if a problem really exists. He is hesitant to install a system and assess residents a monthly fee unless we really need it.

A: The quality of well water is dependent on several factors (1) how close your well is to the neighboring septic systems, (2) how efficient the neighbor's septic is and (3) the direction of underground water flow that feeds your well.

- After some discussion and a failed motion, Blake clarified a motion to accept the Wastewater Facilities Study and to continue to look for grant options to facilitate the connection of the Lewisville wastewater system to the system located in Menan, Brigham seconded. Celena indicated that she would accept the Study but did not vote to move forward with the grant applications to facilitate building a system, so her vote was no. With a council of 3 in attendance, the majority was 2 and the motion passed.
- It was suggested that the information about individual septic repair or replacement grants and loans be included on the spring postcard.

FORSGREN ASSOCIATES:

- Kort Ware with Forsgren Associates addressed the Council and informed them that Lewisville was not funded on the grant application to rebuild 500 North. We were under the funding line by one or two spots. We will continue to look for other grants to fund this project.
- The Child Pedestrian Safety Grant for phase 2 of the project has been submitted. Funds from this grant would refurbish and replace the sidewalk on 480 north that is in disrepair and extend the sidewalk to the Lewisville Highway. Any residual funds could be used to put a sidewalk in on the north side of 480 north.

CITY ATTORNEY:

- Kris indicated that the Area of Impact Agreement between Menan and Jefferson County has been finalized. Kris will now propose that the Commissioners approve Ordinance 2022-1 that was previously passed by the Lewisville Council but not accepted by Jefferson County. We may need to redo the description on the AOI to include all properties south of the Dry Bed on the north as those properties which were previously excluded are now owned by Fresh Pak and included in our current impact area.

CLERK/TREASURER:

- Donetta has made available to the Council a list of bills between November 9, 2023 and December 13, 2023. Brigham moved that the bills be paid, Celena seconded, motion passed.
- The FY 2023 Treasurer's 4th Quarter Year-End Report and supporting information was sent to Council members for consideration. Copies of that report have also been supplied to those attending this meeting and available upon request. Donetta asked if there were any questions. Brigham asked for a clarification on the source of three entries. Donetta explained. Brigham moved to approve the 2023 FY 4th Quarter Year-End Treasurer's Report, Celena seconded, motion passed. The report will be posted on the City of Lewisville website.

BEAUTIFICATION:

- WWII Memorial Update – Blake as the liaison between the Friends and Family of Lewisville Veterans Committee and the City, was asked by the Committee to read the proposal. They proposed three different possible locations for the monument. It was determined that the best place to put the memorial monument would be in front of the Community Center as it would be available to all visitors and there is electricity available for lighting.
- A timeline outlining the actions the Committee would like to happen and possible funding was presented. Neither Allena as the veteran representative nor Blake as the liaison from the Council was consulted as to the formulation of the current proposed timeline and actions. No consideration was given to the fact that Legacy Flight Museum is the current custodian of the WWII gun in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between the Museum and the City.
- Progress on the plan for the memorial spot for the gun on its return is progressing. The City will need a more definitive drawing of the plan and projection of actual costs before any action can be taken to dedicate taxpayer dollars to the project.
- As noted in the minutes of November 15, 2023, Mayor Thomas has negotiated a possible reduction of the term of the MOU to not less than 10 years but no definitive action has been taken to solidify this modification. The City will not be negotiating for any further modification to the MOU. If any other possible solution is reached between the Committee and Legacy Flight Museum, it would need to be passed by the City Council.

MAYOR REQUEST:

- Mayor Thomas participated in the mayors' walking goal through Blue Cross of Idaho and earned the City \$1,000. Mayor Thomas walked 10,000 steps a day for 30 days. This money should be used for the benefit of the City. Several possibilities were suggested. That project will be determined at a later date.
- Tree Removal on 3464 East. Two trees were dying and rotten had become a hazard to the City. They are being removed.

ITEMS FOR JANUARY 2024 AGENDA:

- WWII Memorial
- Swearing In of Council Members
- Appointment of fourth Council Member to fill the empty seat
- 2024 Easter Egg Hunt
- Spring City-wide Garage Sale
- Information from John Walker on grants and loans available for individual septic system repair or replacement to be included on spring postcard.

ADJOURNMENT:

Celena moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m., Blake seconded, motion passed.

Minutes approved by the City Council of the City of Lewisville on the 10th day of January 2024.

Mayor  Date 01/10/24
Curtis S. Thomas

ATTEST:

Clerk  Date 1-10-2024
Donetta R. Fife