

MINUTES
CITY OF LEWISVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Lewisville Community Center, 3451 E 480 N, Lewisville, Idaho

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Judd at 7:10 p.m. at the Lewisville Community Center at 3451 E 480 N, Lewisville, Idaho. Present were Mayor George Judd, Council Members, Mark Williamson, Linda Linsenmann and Brigham Briggs, Council Member C. James Ball came to the meeting later; City Attorney, Kris Meek; Clerk/Treasurer, Donetta Fife; Officer Mike Miller from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and several residents and nonresidents.

ROLL CALL:

- Mayor Judd -- present
- Mark Williamson – present
- James Ball – came later
- Linda Linsenmann -- present
- Brigham Briggs -- present

MINUTES:

- Minutes for the regular City Council meeting held April 14, 2021 had previously been distributed by the Clerk. Mark moved that the Minutes be approved, Linda seconded, motion passed.
- Donetta indicated that the Minutes will no longer list the names of the residents and others present unless they are speaking at the podium. She received a complaint from a resident whose name appeared in the Jefferson Star and the issue cited was taken from the City's minutes. The resident wanted to know why her appearance in City Council was being broadcast via the media.
- Mayor Judd introduced the protocol for speaking in City Council. Since we are using Zoom, residents who are speaking will be required to come to the podium as the Zoom camera does not pick up comments that are being given from the audience and therefore, the Zoom recording does not adequately record what is happening in the meeting.

POLICE REPORT:

- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office sent a copy of the report and the Clerk forwarded it to the Council. The report was for the period of April 3, 2021 to April 30, 2021. They reported 81 hours in the City with 17 calls and 13 traffic contacts. There was a controlled burns, a threat to a resident, found animal, vin inspection, suspicious vehicle driving around, fraud case that was unfounded and multiple medical calls, etc.
- When the Mayor was reviewing the security tape he noted that there is a dog that runs the streets from 1 to 2 a.m.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- The Mayor has had several residents concerned about the condition of the roads within the City. There are some residents that are suggesting that we need to chip seal or repave our roads. The cost to even maintain roads in our City is a major portion of the annual budget – at least 25% and up to 48% of the annual budget. Mayor Judd put together information on costs to maintain and replace the 9 miles of roads within the City of Lewisville:

- The City of Lewisville has only two roads that actually have a base – 480 North and 500 North. The rest of the roads are only gravel with a layer of oil and chips on top. The oil used to seal this process gets brittle and then the roads develop potholes and the sides become gatored. The total paved surface of most of our roads measures about an inch.
- The cost of a ½ inch chip seal (another layer of oil with chips spread on top) is approximately \$26,986 a mile.
- Jefferson County has come up with another process they are using, which was used on 500 North in the last couple of years and it is called otto seal. They lay a base of larger gravel, compact it and then seal the top with oil and chip the surface. The product they use is more flexible and seems to be holding up much better. Otto seal is \$47,226 per mile.
- Repaving with a 2 inch compacted overlay hot mix is \$71,119 per mile.
- When you add underlay, the price is \$134,000 per mile.
- Removing the current road and repaving is about \$900,000 per mile.
- Using the durapatch to fix potholes and gatoring has been taking all of the State allocated funds for highways and we have been using a sizeable amount from the general fund just to keep the potholes and gatoring filled in.
- We have been trying to get a traffic study for the last two years but have not been successful.
- The City has some money in savings that could be used to cover part of the cost of otto sealing 2 miles of road. The amount allocated by the State for 2021 is approximately \$17,700 plus an additional \$5,800 that the Governor appropriated for roads from State excess funds. We will probably have some money left in the budget at the end of the year to help with the cost. It would be about \$94,000 to pave two roads, 465 North and 450 North.
- Mark moved that the Mayor schedule otto seal for two roads – 450 North and 465 North, Brigham seconded, motion passed.
- Terry Fife, the assistant maintenance person, indicated that the durapatching on east-west roads was done. They have been working on north-south roads and anticipate to be done with them next week.
- George indicated that the maintenance of our roads is at least 25% of our annual budget. A couple of years ago the Mayor was called on to do a report on the cost of maintaining roads within the City. That year it was 48% of the annual budget.
- Rex Tinker did some fill-in plowing during the winter 2020-2021. Mark moved to approve Tinker to provide services as needed in 2021-2022, Brigham seconded, motion passed.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

- Brian Meyers applied for a building permit in behalf of Bill and Mary Ferreter for a new home at 3457 East 450 North. The paperwork and site plan were inspected by the Mayor and Council. Mark moved to approve the permit for Brian Meyers, Brigham seconded, the motion passed. The Council asked the Ferreters to introduce themselves.
- Chuck Knibbs presented paperwork for a building permit for an A-framed precut storage shed. The Council inspected the paperwork and site plan. Mark moved to approve the building permit, Linda seconded, motion passed.

CITY ATTORNEY:

- The DeSpain property transfer has been completed.

- Mayor Judd indicated that we have continuing problems with a resident who is consistently storing non-operating vehicles and debris on the City's right-of-way and the resident has not been cooperative in taking care of the problem. Kris suggested that the Mayor contact the State police to remove the vehicles. As for the debris on City property, the City will need to start with another citation through the Sheriff's office.

CLERK/TREASURER:

- Donetta submitted a list of bills between April 15, 2021 and May 12, 2021. She asked if there were any questions. There were none. Brigham moved that the bills be paid, Linda, seconded, motion passed.
- The Treasurer's 2nd Quarter Report was presented for approval. Donetta explained that in quarterly reports and the actual budget figures for FY 2021, the grant money for fiber optic cable shows as income and expenditures. She pointed out the amount that the City actually has to operate on for fiscal year 2021 is budgeted at \$131,500. As of March 31st only 29% of the budget had been spent but summer is the big spending month as we have road costs and mowing. Mark moved to accept the 2nd Quarter Report, Linda seconded, motion passed.

MAYOR'S REQUEST:

- The Mayor indicated that there is a possibility that the City can purchase its own flashing speed sign. A Council member asked what the life expectancy of the sign would be. Mayor Judd will get a price and information on the sign for the next council meeting.
- The Mayor asked for anyone who would like to start a citizens' advisory group to meet with Keller & Associates on the engineering study they are doing for a wastewater system. The advisory group can pass on information to the Council. Keller feels that a citizens' advisory committee would be very beneficial. If anyone is interested, please contact Mayor Judd.
- The Water quality survey was put on hold since the last council. Rather than doing our own water quality survey, Keller has put out a request for all surveys done within the last 10 years. Keller will also reach out to individual households to test the different levels of wells when they do the water survey.
- The Mayor has had requests to change the Code with regard to animal limits in residential and commercial zones. He indicated that we should set up a work meeting and analyze what other cities are doing. Our code has some loop holes in it and some residents are non-compliant. The Council needs time to research the issue. Mayor Judd asked that the Council and city employees comply until the issue is resolved. The work meeting was tentatively set for July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

- The Idaho flags for the flagpole have been ordered but are on backorder until the end of May.
- It was suggested by a resident that the US flag be displayed in the Community Center. Since the building is rented for various events it was determined that a standard with a flag would be more appropriate during Council meetings. The cost of the US flag on a standard is about \$200. The Idaho flag on a standard is also \$200. It was decided that we should order the US flag and wait on the Idaho flag. Mark moved that they approve the purchase of the US flag on a standard, Linda seconded, motion passed.

BEAUTIFICATION:

- Brigham suggested that wording for a code amendment for cargo containers to be used as storage units be discussed in the work meeting.

- Brigham also suggested that the City purchase a lawn edger for the Community Center. Mayor Judd instructed maintenance to see if there is an alternate head for our trimmer to convert it to an edger.

OTHER:

- The Mayor asked if the residents were interested in having a summer party since we were not able to have an Easter Egg Hunt. There were no volunteers from the community. The Mayor suggested that we mention it to our neighbors to see if there is any interest.
- Mayor Judd has been pursuing a grant for a pavilion to enhance our picnic area at the Community Center.
- Mayor Judd has arranged with Utah Power to work on some of the trees in town which have interrupted power in the past.
- Randy Johnson asked about the elm tree south of his house. Donetta will check minutes to verify what the Council's previous decision was on that tree.

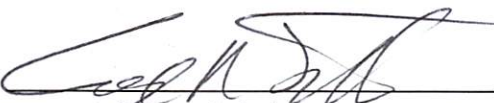
NEW BUSINESS – COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA:

- Mayor Judd indicated that another resident has requested that the land transfer be placed back on the agenda. Matt Rosenberg indicated that he thinks we need another public hearing.
- The Mayor feels it would be beneficial to have a flyer with the unbiased pros and cons listed to the land transfer and it should be mailed to all property owners so they will know what the issues are. Work on the wording for that flyer was also set for the work meeting tentatively scheduled for July. We should also invite Thompson Engineering to the work meeting to help determine the pros and cons.

ADJOURNMENT:

James moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m., Mark seconded, motion passed.

Minutes approved by the City Council of the City of Lewisville on the 9th day of June, 2021.

Mayor 
George A. Judd

Date 9 June 2021

ATTEST:

Clerk 
Donetta R. Fife

Date 9 June 2021