

MINUTES
CITY OF LEWISVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Lewisville Community Center, 3451 E 480 N, Lewisville, Idaho.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fred Tucker at 7:01 p.m. at the Lewisville Community Center at 3451 E 480 N, Lewisville, Idaho. Present were Mayor Fred Tucker; Council Members Waco Taylor, Brigham Briggs, and Celena Lewis; Clerk/Treasurer Connie Olsen; residents and non-residents. Kris Meek was the representing Attorney present

ROLL CALL:

- Mayor Tucker – present
- Waco Taylor – present
- Celena Lewis -- present
- Brigham Briggs – present
- Blake Ball – absent

Pledge of Allegiance – Brigham

MINUTES

- Celena called for special meeting to work on the budget. Celena moved to approve the Minutes for June 10, 2026, with corrections. Brigham second the motion. Motion passed. Waco moved that we adjust the agenda by moving planning and zoning to next line item, Celena second. Motion passed to move the discussion on planning and zoning to the next item.

Planning Zoning – Brigham

- We are going to hire a planning and zoning manager. Anything presented tonight will be forwarded to him for review. We should have those back from Gary Armstrong, P & Z manager within 48 hours and then will approve them and get back to you.
 - Jennifer Wells – paperwork submitted to clerk and hard copies.
 - Houston Fallis - absent
 - Zack Shurtliff – absent

POLICE REPORT –

- Sargent Miller was unable to attend the Mayor went over the Jefferson County Sheriff's Report. The sheriff's department logged 71 hours in Lewisville. There were 9 incidents, 1 arrest, 1 DUI, 1 citation and 15 traffic contacts from May 23 – June 19, 2026.

POST MASTER – SCOTT BISHOFF

- The United States Post Office want to potentially make a rural route in the City of Lewisville. The Mayor invited Scott Bishoff from the Post Office to come today. Scott called and said that USPS public information officer forbid him from attending the meeting tonight. The Mayor was informed that the officer will only attended if questions are posed to him 6 hours prior to the meeting.
- The U S Post Office is proposing that we have a rural route. The mail boxes need to be 8 feet from the edge of the road. The Mayor is concerned about security issues amongst other things. There are some convinces to have it near your home if you don't like to go to the post office. He stated that the post office is part of the cities identity. It is our zip code. The mayor doesn't feel that it is an economical descision. He is also concerned about maintenance of the boxes on the route,

- Curt Thomas said, "Currently if you live within the city of Lewisville and you aren't on a route you get a free box. I think this an angle to get people to have to pay. It will be a loss of free boxes."
- Michelle Dye said that they have been researching the cost of buying and installing a box at their home. The secured boxes aren't very cheap. She said that the boxes that we found are about \$600. She said it would be better for them to pay a small fee to have a box at the post office than putting in a box at their house.
- Curtis Thomas stated that when subdivision was built it was the subdivisions responsible to put in boxes so it would be the citizen's responsibility to take care of the turn out and box at each of their residence.
- James Ball, does construction and has lived in lots of areas. He feels that this is one step toward eliminating the post office. It is nice having the mail delivered directly to your home. There is an argument either way. The issue is that we are improving someone else's property and that may affect the city right away. Neighbors could get together to put up a group mail box. There are areas where they have started rural route and closed post office. The post office is a great place for the billboard and community connection that we could lose if it isn't needed any more for mail delivery.
- Devin Weaver grown up in different places. I like my having a mail box at my home but I could never get stamps or send a package from my home. There are services that we will loose and have to go all the way to Rigby. There are people who would benefit from having a box at their home. We need to know what happens to the building and what the routes are going to be. If we lose the post office we lose all of the amenities it provides for us.
- Robert Evans read through post office policy. We don't have a vote on this the Post Office decides. You can choose to not have a mail box at your home but you will have to pay for the nearest P O Box. Kris Meek said, "I spoke to another Post Master and the post master said that the Post Office will not shut down. The post office is in several law suits for shutting rural post offices. If they add the rural route you have to pay for the box at the post office or pay to install and maintain a mail box at your home. If someone hits your mail box the city will not pay for it. It is hard to maintain." Robert said we can give our opinion but they will do what is best for them. There will be an increase that box and fees will increase July 1, 2026.
- George Judd said, "It is much less to pay the fee at the post office than a mail box. Keeping the box hopefully helps keep the post office here.
- Mr. Kevin Gerrard worked at construction and roads. The city of Idaho Falls paid for the citizen's boxes if they were damaged or destroyed. I have put mail boxes in. I do take issue that the city does pay. Once you put the box in it becomes the property of the owner. Kris Meek advised the public, "If someone puts something in the right away, like a mail box, the city won't pay for it."
- Roger Neild said a lot of people will not take a PO Box for an address so a mail box at your home would be nice for that.
- Celena suggested that the citizens of Lewisville mail the postmaster or call him to share their concerns. The mayor said he would be meeting with the Post Master next week. He gave out his email address and ask the citizens present to email him with comments and whether they are opposed or in favor of a rural mail route. He would pass those mails on to the Post Master for their consideration.
- The mayor ask for a raise of hands of those in favor of a home mail box. Only 2/40 people present raised their hand.

CITY ATTORNEY - Kris Meek

- City Attorney, Kris Meek was present but did not bring anything before the council.

CLERK/TREASURER – Connie Olsen

- Celena moved to pay the bills from June 10, 2026 to July 12, 2026 be paid. Brigham seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Nuveck Brigham tabled discussion on hiring Nuveck to next meeting.
- Special Budget Meeting, July 22 at 7:00 pm
- 3rd Quarter Budget Report moved to special meeting

MAYOR REQUEST – Fred Tucker

Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Ordinance 2026-1

- The Mayor ask Kris if he had any comments or concerns with the Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Ordinance 2026-1. Kris said that it is fairly close to what we are currently being offered from the county nothing really sticks out. We can walk away from this contract at any time. It is saying the city will be provided services for building, mechanical (HVAC), plumbing and electrical inspections
- Celena moved I move to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance 2026-1 on three different days and once in full in accordance with Idaho Code §50-902 and to read the Summary only once. Brigham second the motion to suspend. Roll-call vote was called for. Waco, yes; Celena, yes and Brigham, yes. Motion passed to read once.
- The mayor read the *Summary of 2026-1. An Ordinance of the city of Lewisville, Idaho, authorizing Jefferson County to administer building, mechanical (HVAC), plumbing and electrical permitting and inspection services within the city limits; adopting and identifying the applicable codes to be enforced within the city; providing for appeals; providing for implementation and effective date; and providing an effective date.* The Mayor entertained a motion to accept. Waco moved to accept Ordinance 2026-1. Celena second the motion. Roll call vote was called. Celena, yes; Waco, yes and Brigham, yes, The Ordinance 2026-1 will be adopted.

Door to Door Solicitations Ordinance 2026-2

- Celena moved I move to suspend the rules requiring the reading of Ordinance 2026-1 on three different days and once in full in accordance with Idaho Code §50-902 and to read the Summary only once. Brigham second the motion to suspend. Roll-call vote was called for. Waco, yes; Celena, yes and Brigham, yes. Motion passed to read once
- The Mayor read the *summary of Ordinance 2026-2An ordinance of the City of Lewisville, Idaho, adding Title 5, Chapter 4 to regulate door-to-door solicitation and to protect the safety and privacy of citizens within the City of Lewisville by requiring without a permit, issued either by the City of Lewisville or any of the cities or counties within a 100 mile radius of the City of Lewisville, setting forth the permit requirements and usage; defining door-to-door solicitation; setting forth the requirements and procedures to apply for and obtain a permit setting forth the duration of the permit, suspension and revocation procedures,, and appeal process for a denied permit application, and the penalties for violations.*
- Celena moved that we accept Ordinance 2026-2. Waco second the motion. Roll call vote was called. Waco, yes; Brigham, yes and Celena, yes. Ordinance passed.
- James Ball, asked why they could get a permit in another city and then come bug us. They have to have a background check and if they have a permit from a city within 100 miles of Lewisville they don't have to get one from us. They can't bug you unless they have a background check and permit.

Key # 25062, E 500 N Road Construction

- The Mayor explained that we received a grant for 500N. It is a connector grant. The plan is to rebuild 500 north. It has been discussed for several years. We worked on this for several years because of the heavy traffic use. 2030 is the year it is scheduled for construction. It took 3 years to get the grant. They are going to widen it and put asphalt base and they will address the drainage problem. It is a hazard to traffic in the rain. They will widen the entrances.
- Craig Drake said that he doesn't want to make it a truck route.
- Randy Drake – Randy said that he did talk to the mayor about the problem areas on 500 N when they were applying for the grant. We don't want to fix the entire road. There are corners that need fixed. We need to fix all the other roads and not 500 N. They need to ticket people that travel that road.
- Have Kort explain the money. Kort Ware, H& H engineering. Started work on this grant with the prior Mayor, clerk and city council. We were approved for the grant. We are on the hook for 7%. Mr. Drake is

correct you can figure out what is the matter with the road. With this funds package they can get a full design package. We can repair the most important things first and then fix whatever we have money left to do. Saying that 500N is the best road is not saying much. It can only be used as a connector road and 500 N is the only connector road in Lewisville.

- James Ball state that the grant is only available because 500 N. is a connector road. It is not available to use for other roads within the city.
- Roger Nield ask who is responsible to repair the head gates on 500 N if they are damaged during construction of that road. Kort said that the grant will cover that repair.
- Barbara Blair ask if the county and city share the road. Kris said that the county is tightening up on help to cities and that this a good thing for the city to do and show that we are trying to take responsibility for some of our roads on our own.
- George Judd said that when he was Mayor the county didn't help take responsibility for repairs on 500 N.
- Mark Williamson ask who is requiring us to do this and are we doing this for Fresh Pack. Mayor said this still an enforcement issue. We need to improve the road. It is a benefit to the city. Total cost to the city is \$150-160,000, LTHAC has a grant of \$150000 to help offset 96%. Curtis said that LTHAC goal is to help small rural communities. We are improving the interior roads within the city from assistance from the county and LTHAC grants.
- Robert Evans asked if there money to cover the cities portion. There is. How much money is in saving? The clerk said there is approximately \$620,000.
- Brigham said, "We are going to try to improve all the roads, 500 N. is a gift". We have sought after this grant for more than a decade. The more we keep the City of Lewisville's name in grant pot the more like we are to get them.
- Waco moved that we accept the proposal for the road construction on 500 N Brigham second. Passed

ROADS – Waco

ROADS – David

- David is working on spraying the right of ways but the weather hasn't been cooperating. He will continue to try and get things sprayed. They have been mowing the right of ways. Eric has been mowing the park and community center grass. We haven't gone out and sprayed for mosquitos because David hasn't seen any. The spray is expensive so we don't want to go out unless we need to.
- Linda Walcott asked about leafy spurge, which can cause blisters and blindness. David said that we have a product that works pretty well but there are mandated. We do have spray (Platue). Linda ask if they need to take precaution with livestock, not toxic to livestock. Kris said that it is safe for livestock.
- The Mayor pointed out that we buy our chemical at Simplot and that their crop advisors advise on the products.
- Brigham ask if there a problem with the current mowing equipment? David said that the new mower hit an old pipe and sheared off the bolt on the PTO but they were able to repair.

BEAUTIFICATION – Blake

COMMUNITY CENTER – Celena Lewis

- Need help with clean up at 8:30

COMMUNITY

- 250th Celebration/founders day parade at 3 pm. It will have all the veterans and businesses from Lewisville. There will be a grand marshal and the kids can decorate their bikes in patriotic colors and ride them. There is a decoration party the day before at the LDS Church. The flag ceremony will be at 5:00 p.m. with a fly over. Dinner will follow at 5:30. There will be activities and games before and after dinner. Muttin Bustin will begin around 6:30 pm. The Mayor thanked John Walker and his committee for their work on this celebration.

OTHER

PUBLIC COMMENT

What can we do to get the railroad tracks fixed? Railroad right a ways belong to the Railroad. We have no authority with railroad. If you mess with the right away it is a federal offense.

Adjourn –

Brigham moved to adjourn. Celena second the motion. The motion passed. Ended 8:30 pm

Minutes approved by the City Council of the City of Lewisville on the 12th day of August, 2026.

Public is Welcome – If special accommodations are required contact City Clerk at (208) 684-2043 at least 1 hour prior to the meeting.

Mayor


Mayor Fred Tucker

Date

8/17/26

ATTEST:

Clerk


Connie J. Olsen

Date

8/17/26