

MINUTES
Special City of Lewisville City Council Meeting
June 26, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Mayor George Judd at 10:06 a.m. at the Lewisville Community Center at 3451 E 480 N, Lewisville, Idaho. Present were Mayor George Judd; Council Members, James Ball, Brigham Briggs and Linda Linsenmann; Clerk/Treasurer, Donetta Fife; and Daniel Parrish and Scott Hendrickson of Direct Communications.

ROLL CALL:

- Mayor Judd -- present
- Mark Williamson – not present
- Linda Linsenmann – present
- James Ball -- present
- Brigham Briggs – present

The meeting had been called by Mayor Judd and duly published by posting on the website of the City of Lewisville and at the Community Center of the City of Lewisville 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of obtaining an Idaho Department of Commerce grant to fund the installation of a broadband network to the residents and businesses in the City of Lewisville to improve the capability of families and businesses to work from home and to facilitate distance learning through monies made available through the CARES Act.

Direct communications has been in business since 1954 and mostly supplies services to small cities. They provide service through a fiber optic network. They are currently finishing the network for Jefferson School District 251 and have connections at the bus depot and at Jefferson Alternative School, which facilities actually border the City of Lewisville. They will have that system up and running by July 1, 2020.

The grants now available are for Idaho cities with a population of under 3,000 who are underserved by broadband providers. The schools now have broadband capability but if the individual homes of students are lacking in broadband service. As such, the students will still not be able to access reliable distance learning from their homes.

The grants need to be submitted by July 15, 2020 and the work has to be finished by December 15, 2020 with bills submitted by that time. All CARES Act monies need to be spent by December 30, 2020.

The basic package for internet service is \$60 per month and that is for 50 Mbps download and 4 Mbps upload. They estimate the cost of the project to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to \$300,000. These grants are 100% financed by the CARES Act if completed by December 15, 2020, so there will be no money out of the City coffers.

Donetta will check the forms and find out what we need to do to write the grant.

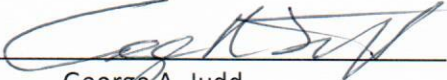
James moved that we proceed with the grant and authorize the lawyer to proceed with the franchise agreement or whatever needs to be negotiated with Direct Communications, Linda seconded. Motion passed.

James asked if the City of Lewisville sites could have our own network. Direct Communications assured the Council that could be arranged.

ADJOURNMENT:

James moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m., Linda seconded, motion passed.

Minutes approved by the City Council of the City of Lewisville on the 8th day of July, 2020.

Mayor 
George A. Judd

Date 7 July 2020

ATTEST:

Clerk 
Donetta R. Fife

Date 7-8-2020