

Lewiston City Council
Special Council Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2017
Lewiston City Hall – 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Beth Carlson at 6:00pm March 29, 2017.

2. Roll Call

Present (5): Mayor Beth Carlson, Council Member Larry Rupprecht, Council Member Dan Robertson, Council Member Jeremy Kelly, and Council Member Bryce Lange. Not Present (0): None

3. Emergency Services Building Resolution

Administrator Brierley informed the Council a resolution with the dedication of land to be set aside for the Emergency Services Building was not finished due to confirming language with City Attorney Jennifer Gumbel. Administrator Brierley wanted to have the language be written to cover different funding options in the future. Council agreed to just have the resolution be simple as amendments could be added to the resolution at a later date and when needed.

Administrator Brierley stated a resolution would be completed and presented to Council at the next regular meeting on April 12, 2017.

4. City Streets

Council discussed the different options of what streets would take priority for upcoming street projects scheduled for the year 2018. City Engineer Bryan Holtz informed the Council the cost estimates are reasonably inflated to avoid financial short falls later in the planning process. The primary streets discussed included Service Drive, Rice Street, 1st Street, 2nd Street, Benike Street, and a City Water loop from West Main Street to 1st Street. The total estimated cost would be about 3.5 million dollars which is over the target number of approximately 2.7 million dollars the City could reasonably afford.

Mr. Holtz presented two options which can be done in the future to alleviate the cost burden. One is to make cuts to the amount of new streets the City would construct. The second is to put in alternate streets into the bid as there is a potential for cost savings. Council members had differing views on which streets could be put in as an alternate during the bidding process.

Streets which were discussed as alternate bid streets included Benike Street, East Street, Service Drive, and the loop from West Main Street to 1st Street.

Other concerns were expressed regarding the street selection. Police Chief Scott Yeiter expressed his concern regarding safety with the semi traffic at the intersection of Rice Street and 1st Avenue. The loading dock for National Chemical was not designed for semi-truck traffic with 53 foot trailers. When those trucks are loading and unloading they impede traffic flows on Rice Street. If the driver of the truck does not back just right, it blocks traffic all together. This blockage affects the ability of the police department to respond to calls and causes other motorists to travel through town in a different direction. Chief Yeiter informed the Council there is a loading dock on the west side of National Chemical which could be used but if Service Drive is not fixed, then it can be difficult to have the west dock utilized and the blockage on Rice Street would continue.

Mr. Holtz informed the Council he could make the arrangements and present a work order for televising the sewer lines under the streets which would be presented to Council providing more information about the condition of the City infrastructure and help with determining the priority of street selection. Council agreed for Mr. Holtz to produce a work order and present it at the next Council meeting on April 12, 2017.

Member Rupprecht motioned to adjourn the Special Council Meeting. Seconded by Member Kelly. Approved 5-0.

The Special Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm on March 29, 2017.

Submitted By:
Travis Brierley
City Administrator/Clerk