

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LANDER, WY 82520
February 23, 2021**

**THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
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Governing Body Present: Mayor Monte Richardson, Council Members John Larsen, Chris Hulme, Julia Stuble, Missy White, Melinda Cox

Governing Body Absent: Council Member Dan Hahn

City Staff Present: City Clerk Tami Hitshe, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, Attorney Adam Phillips, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Staff & Council Updates

Lance Hopkin – Wanted to update council that we are starting to look at consolidations with the county. Starting with the maintenance department. Looking how we can work together to save money.

RaJean Strube Fossen- WDOT and the city have put out the public announcement for the ADA project on Main Street starting this summer. Public Meeting will be March 3 at the Lander Community Center. Updates on the proposed park grant application. We were award \$10,000 from the Lander Rec Board. The grant was approved at the state and now moving on to the federal level. There will be a resolution to submit to the Land Water Conservation Fund with the new amounts on the next council agenda. Update on the assistant living facility. A formal board would be the managing entity for that. Received \$30,000 additional cares act money for airport.

Charri Lara - We have received all the cares act money except for \$8,000 for a payroll request.

Julia Stuble- attended the Popo Agie Conservation meeting. Had a talk with Senator Case about the siren and the noise. Mayor explained the siren is for safety. Melinda Cox said it is not up to us how the siren operates. We need to communicate better with council, so everyone is aware of the topics that are up for discussion. Keep it with the facts of what we have control of.

Missy White -Thanked Lance for the golf course signage. Thanked the street crew for putting the sand out so quickly after the last storm. Participated in the Wyoming Catholic college expansion meetings. Appreciate that they involved the public. Thanked Chief Wells for the quick response on Jefferson Street shooting. Positive outcome from that. Still trying to figure how we can get LCAN to partner with the city. Doing an MOU? RaJean said if there is going to be money exchanges in hand then a MOU would be appropriate. Adam Phillips agreed with RaJean on an MOU and it really depends on what city council want to do with them. They have received funds already and would like to use it with the City. It would be nice to get an MOU. Adam said if you would get with him and RaJean so they could work on an MOU. RaJean said they have received \$3500. Their task is to pay the \$600 to national membership for the city to have. They are working on something to start the energy audit. Lance said we have been talking to members with LCAN for some other city projects. Julia said they are looking for a Lander Liaison volunteer.

Melinda -Had discussion with the police department with cross walks in school zones. She saw two incidents where kids almost got hit by cars running through the crosswalks. Lance said one of the things in the works is different lights at the crosswalks. It is part of the safe routes to school study. Ron Wells stated they are still short staff and do not have enough officers to be at all schools.

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Missy wanted to mention she was on the city web page and the new city codes are already fantastic.

2. LEDA ½ cent Committee Discussion

Kendall Hayford President of LEDA gave presentation on Lander’s Improvements for Tomorrow (LIFT) Committee Structure for ½ cent. Explained how they plan to appoint members to the board. Committee to have 5 members with a non-voting LEDA liaison. Committee approved projects to be presented to LEDA for approval. LEDA to present recommendations to City Council for final approval. This provides a structure similar to what the Wyoming Business Council utilizes for its project approvals. The next step would be for the council to approve the structure so they could move forward with the LEDA subcommittee.

3. Lander Senior Center Update – Jane Nolde

Jane Nolde - Executive Director for Lander Senior Center came to give her annual update. Said last year was very challenging with Covid. Had to close the center so they only had delivery or drive-up Meals. \$5.00 a meal. Range from 165 meals to 248 meals a day. Are still closed for Covid but is slowing starting to open things up. The exercise programs are starting again. Showing that the programs are working with the changes we have made. Hard year for funding. We did receive Covid money from the state to help keep the staff working. Offer public transportation to anyone 18 years or older. \$2.00 per ride. Anywhere in Lander. They have lots of reading books if anyone is interested in any of them. They play cards, and bingo. Did get a new furnace. This spring we will get a new AC unit. We do income taxes. Simple ones not businesses. Looking at going with solar panels to see if we can keep the costs down. Another program we do is Section 8 housing. It is rental assistance for Lander and Riverton people. We help with filling out paperwork. Funding is a big issue. Senior Booster club. Use that funding for matching state funds. Worked a lot with the food bank to help get food to help keep the costs down. It costs us \$8.42 a meal. We have lots of volunteers which is very nice to have. We have a newsletter that goes out every month. It’s a good way to get information out to people. We also loan out medical devices if you need them. Council thanked Jane for all the senior center does for our community.

4. Discuss revising step and grade scale.

Charri Lara explained why she wants to change the wage and grade scale. She said all the other cities have a one-page scale. Ours is multiple pages. She also wants to look at the positions we have and maybe change some job descriptions. There will be a Resolution on March 9th meeting to approve the new grade and step scale.

5. Changes to Liquor Laws

Tami Hitschew explained there were some changes in the liquor laws effective July 1, 2021. The only one that pertains to our codes is the Restaurant Liquor License dispensing rooms. The new law changes it from a dispensing room to “area”. There will be an ordinance on the March 9th agenda to change this section of our city codes.

6. Schedule Strategic Planning Sessions

Discussed strategic planning with Mike Kusiek. It is time to tackle it again. Have scheduled for Mayor and Council to meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday for the next couple months to start the planning. First meeting will be March 2, 2021.

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Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The City of Lander
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Monte Richardson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tami E. Hitshe

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