

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY
HALL 240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
April 23, 2019**

**THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
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Governing Body Present: Mayor Monte Richardson, Council President Cade Maestas, Council Members Dan Hahn, Chris Hulme, John Larsen,

Governing Body Absent: Council Member Missy White, Vice President Dick Hudson

City Staff Present: City Attorney Adam Phillips, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Clerk Sarah Edlund, Police Chief Thomas Shroyer

Mayor Richardson called meeting to order at 6:10

1. Staff & Council Updates

Chief Shroyer, a local area business owner requested to know what our requirements are regarding strippers. Stripping is qualified as a 1st amendment right and regulations can be put on it. Currently the City does not have ordinances on it but state statute does have a law regarding indecent exposure laws. He does have 4 ladies contracted to come in and strip on May 1st. After speaking to the prosecuting attorneys and the city attorney that the City will require them to wear a g string and that the nipple has to be covered.

Council Member Hahn, this is not the first time that this has happened do we have a history of problems with these events?

Chief, no we have not ever had an issue with these in the past.

Council President Maestas I would like to see Casper's, Cheyenne's and Rock Springs ordinances to see what they say.

Attorney Phillips, we will look into it and let you know.

Chief, there was a telephone scam that blew up this weekend we posted it on the media sites. Many people in the area received these phone calls. Earlier this year we noticed some of our officers were carrying personal equipment while on duty and we are correcting that problem.

Assistant Mayor Fossen, sent council invites to the WAM region 4 meeting in tomorrow in Riverton. FCAG is Thursday at 1:30. Maverik sent out a press release a few minutes ago regarding the fuel leak. Stretgic planning that was planned for this Saturday we will start with Tuesday May 21st work session.

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Public Works Director Hopkin, sewer ponds are under construction we are using a new type of bug and it seems to be helping with the odor. We should be installing the piping soon. Equipment on order for rural water house. Streets are in full swing and the 1 % projects are moving forward. Lining project is 95% designed and should be out for bid soon. We may have to delay the overlay on the street until that project is finished. Code audit is in progress and we have been approved for a grant. Making progress on the well study and will have a future update at a work session. Looking at doing some field trips with council to see how these projects are progressing and how some of our systems work.

Council Member Hulme, I have been asked about how all of the trash is dealt with once the snow dumps melt.

City staff will take care of that once all the snow melts.

City Treasurer Lara, on May 7th we are going to have a budget meeting to go over so that we can have the reading on May 14th.

Council Member Hulme, school board is working on a lot of different things. Safety report and their handguns in schools policy. Rebuilding a lot of things at the pool. Understanding our position is superseded by DEQ and EPA, I believe that the City needs to look at doing something to make sure that this never occurs again. I would like us as a City to write a letter saying we want to see better solutions for these problems and develop something for our codes if nothing else but mitigation for future concerns.

Public Works Director Hopkin, Lander is very flexible about allowing people build in a floodway. That maybe a way we can limit this type of occurrence.

Council President Maestas, housing authority hire a management company to run push root facility. They are in place now and are doing an audit of what needs to be done. They praised the building staff up there as the facilities are in great shape. Wyoming outdoor weekend may 17 & 18, biggest event it has been, will have a archery tournament. Good prizes for this event. Purpose is to draw in out of area folks to enjoy Lander's Recreation. The state has announced that it picked a partner in the air service contact. We still don't know what that means financially but due to our MRG we are on the list.

Council Member Larsen, I am sure the streets dept is overwhelmed with pot holes so I will turn in my list to Public Works Director Hopkin.

Assistant Mayor Fossen, Council Member White is absent but is watching on youtube and sent me this update: Council Member White has been working on some ideas with Creative Energies to install solar on our buildings. Fire hall, Community Center, City Hall, Public Works and the Water treatment plant.

Mayor Richardson, I do want to thank our City Crew for acting so quickly on the fuel leak at the Maverik. It could have been way worse if we didn't have the dedicated staff

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we do. EPA and the DEQ have done a great job on what they have done for that situation.

2. Proclamation of Arbor Day
Mayor read Proclamation for Arbor Day
Lander has been a tree City for 29 years.
3. Proclamation of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day
Council President Maestas read proclamation for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day.
4. Council Timesheets – Caselle
City Clerk gave update on new timesheet process for Council members.
5. Lander Volunteer Fire Department Update
City Fire Administrator Cox introduced new officers and chief to the City Council. Responded to 123 calls for service, 11 structure fires, 5 rescues, 17 hazardous calls, 20 good intention calls, 17 misc calls, school and business inspections. So far this year call counts are at 41. Includes the fuel spill we had a few weeks ago. Would like to point out how well all the different agencies worked together to get the situation under control. The EPA was very appreciative of the City of Lander even Pathfinder high school brought them cookies one day. My goal is to increase and improve the Fire departments relationships with other departments. We have 36 active fire fighters and one paid fire fighter.
6. Gaddis Custom Building – Gaddis Subdivision
Public Works Director Hopkin we have Gaddis Custom Building with us on a proposed subdivision. It meets our goals in our master plan but it does not currently meet our City Code.
Matt Gaddis, Gaddis Custom Construction.
We have been in contact with the staff. We are a developer and a builder and would do everything in house. We are looking to build affordable entry level housing. The more efficient we can be as developers the better chance we have to make affordable housing.
Council President Maestas has concerns on making these changes without doing the zoning code analysis.
Council Member Hulme I have concerns about not having any green space that is incorporated into these plans. Public Works Director Hopkin we have a pay in lieu of in green space requirements for these smaller developments. When we are trying to get more density we drive up the cost of the projects. The density goals are there and the city has a willing partner to move forward on for these projects.

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Steve Bauman, Chairman of the Planning Commission, this is something that is contemplated in our Master plan and it is important but by the same token zoning is a hard and fast thing. The way zoning is moving is that is more of a soft lines. There are some alternatives that the contractor could look at in that R-3 zones allow for twin homes, and you could still maintain the density and even pick up a few additional lots. Council Member Hulme what is your plan on how this would build and sell?

We do a lot of our own stuff but we do have a network of contractors here who we would contact our work to. That is also why we are trying to keep the price point for entry level housing.

Mayor Richardson, was this brought before our Planning Commission?

Not for formal review but as to how it can it fits into our codes and how it works in a variance process.

Matt, this is the most efficient plan we could develop.

Planning Commission would like direction as to how you would like us to proceed.

Council President Maestas I would like to see if we are going to make these changes we need to look at what other cities are doing for density and we need to approach this methodically and look at all options. I would like to see the planning commission come back on recommendations of R-3 and R-5 density areas.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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By: _____
Monte Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Edlund, City Clerk

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