

**CITY OF LANDER  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
LANDER COMMUNITY AND  
CONVENTION CENTER, 950  
BUENA VISTA DRIVE  
LANDER, WY 82520  
January 26, 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, Dan Hahn, Missy White,

**Governing Body Absent:** Council Member Melinda Cox

**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**

Ron Wells - Getting moved into his office. Talked about a bomb threat that happened nationwide. Wyoming Catholic college received an email about the threat.

RaJean - Victim services. July - Sept 2020. 46 people served. 49 people from Oct - Dec. Services we never had a year ago. Interesting Stats to share. Talked about followers on insagram and facebook.

Charri - gave the audit report.

Lance - Parks and Rec meeting with Riverton rec and CWC tomorrow. Bigger conversations about joininn up with Riverton and do Countywide programs. They have the college to help them out. Gyms are questionable. 2 different studies that moved forward, water system masterplan and tying into the wells at the treatment plant. The one that didn't move forward was the ditch program. Removed becasue of technical issues.

Dan - Can we get something going with Lander Tree Board.

Lance - Tree city USA. We can meet the requirements. Needing a board was optional

Chris - How does the study not going forward impact our plan

Adam - It was senate floor It could be added back in at a later date.

CHris - how much motivation to pursue and lobby to get the project back in

Lance - encourage other people on the ditch who believe strongly in in the project to help us out

RaJean - Went to Healthy River meeting today, they were disappointed that this project failed.

They would write a letter in support

Missy White - Can you give a high level overview of the project so the community is aware of it.

Lance - High Level is we have alot of stack holders throughout the town as well as the City having interest in those ditches. We have mulit ditches and uses seeing them go through their properties and stake holders with water rights. The ditches go under buildings, some have been filled in. Seeing alot of infiltration. People in Northend of town that have had flooding. Ag users and people who do have rights, are interested in this. Estimated to 200 and 500 people that this project could effect. We need to get this into a study and find out where the water rights are coming from. Non organized Lander ditches. A Lot of use out of the ditches for one reason or another and probable would change if we did a study. All kinds of players on all sides. Lots of benefits and lots of uses. Pretty massive project involving a lot of stakeholders.

Dan - Is this problem just down there of all over town.

Lance - we have problems all over town.

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Julia - If we are not successful getting this project, what are the ways we can pursue it and what are the costs.

Lance - \$200,000 that we would have to come up locally.

Missy would it be enterprise or general funds.

Chris - Any conversations with the ditch company president or committee members?

Lance - I have talked with Ryan Mikesell.

Dan - Thank you for putting sand on the ice.

Julia - Hearing from other citizens on how the process will be for police chief appointment.

MOnte explained that we are still taking applications

Adam - there is a statute that we have to follow

John - Talked about Wyoming Promise looking for a Resolution from the City Council. John wanted to propose that we talk about it at a later council meeting

Missy - 2 airports that had high emplanments. Central wyomiung regional airport was number one. Invited to speak to the strikers board and they are interested in helping with the new proposed park. Ice dams around town. Can we do something about it.

Mayor read an email from Melinda Cox since she couldn't come to meeting.

Monte asked when Council sends out email, please cc the Mayor.

Monte - Thanked Charri and Rajean for all of their work to help getting city hall done

## 2. Auditors Presentation – Tim Fixter - CPA

Audit went very well. This is an interesting time to do an audit. The City is always proactive with technology and made this fairly seamless. Explained how the audit works. Talked about a couple findings. Look at the depreciation list. Journal entry review. Having another set of eyes would be good. Missing receipts from credit card purchases. Found a Sewer customer was out of town was paying in town rates. Wyoming business council says it doesn't go towards your debt. He has done some research and can't find a lot of guidance on this.

## 3. Council Liasons appointments

Discussed the committee Liasons and what the different boards do.

## 4. Council President nominations

John nominate Missy White for council president

## 5. Parks & Recreation Board discussion

Chris said the board members had interest in starting the board up again. 90% of what the board does, gets lost. When I look at their bylaws, they have a lot to offer. Chris asked if there is a master plan for the Parks.

RaJean said Don Reynolds is listening. Ask if he would like to speak about the Parks and Recreation Board.

Don Reynolds - When you took away When you broke the citizen group to meet about parks and recreation programs without those two things in place.

Chris - would like to see with the board moving forward, fundraising to help design the new park. To just use that more and rely less on one staff member and keep the board on task for fundraising. Using them for the coordination purposes. Additional Park spac was the number two goal for the outcome of 2019 and 2020. Willing and able to accomplish that task. They want the opportunity to get together and get the update on what the park space is and where we are on it.

Lance said you are the board now that will help steer which way we are going with Parks and Recreation.

Missy We want as much recreation that we can afford. Something that we need to have more conversation about.

Mayor said maybe we can sit down with the board.

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6. Discuss updating Section 12-1-3  
Cleaning up language in the city codes. This is why we hired Municode to clean the codes for us.

Sheela Schermetzler - FCAG-CSBG needs assessment.

Asked what services we currently have to get people out of poverty.

Lucy talked about the hot meals they prepare every Friday night at the Methodist church. Served around 100 people each Friday night.

Deanna Trumble - First stop help center. - Help with people to keep people in their homes. Help with utilities, rent. Financial help with energy share of Wyoming. Provide toiletries. Partner almost home Wyoming. Provide furniture, household items. Provide diapers. Purchase food vouchers through Lander Chamber up to \$60. Gas vouchers. Lander Christmas baskets provide 200 families during Christmas. Partner with the Lander Elks Lodge.

Missy - Backpack program, Fremont 1 did meals throughout the summer. Breakfast and Lunch. Care and Share foodbank. Leadership Wyoming. Free pantries around town. Provide food. Meals on wheels that the senior center provides.

What services to you need that aren't available.

Lucy the biggest gap is places to put people. Very few places that people can afford. Affordable housing

Teresa - Substance abuse and rehab

Missy - Suicide, substance abuse, Asked if they were still achieving the classes to Helping people how handling money better.

Deanna - not allowed to have classes where we are right now because of Covid.

Job applications are online and if you don't have a computer, it's hard to do.

First stop does provide, applied money through the LOR foundation, bought a tablet. Allow our clients to use the tablet to apply for our forms or job applications or other things.

Missy - Low cost preventive health maintenance. Dental and basic health is missing for a lot of people.

Michelle - do not have enough daycare for toddlers and infants.

Deanna - Lack of Public transportation for people that do not have cars in county use.

What is the most important service to get people out of poverty

Missy - good job training to get employed.

Lucy Cone - Get them a warm place to live. Basic necessities. House, water, heat.

Who is most effective by poverty

Lucy - Wide span of people.

Deanna - Single parents, two parents working minimum wage jobs, seniors, disabled people

Missy - people on fixed income. Housing market keeps rising, property taxes goes up.

Deanna - People on a fixed income or low income. Middle class families this year because of Covid.

Like Lander to work on so families can become self sufficient

Lucy - affordable housing

What are the barriers to services in Lander

Missy - Pride, Hard to access. because of working hours. Having evening, weekend hours make it more easily to access.

Dan - Housing, daycares, a lot of people have one income because one stays home to watch the kids while the other works. Daycares are starting to shut down. None will take infants.

Missy - two daycares shut down. One was a big provider. One has cut their kids in half.

Deanna - It is hard to ask for help. The lower income family will not have the internet or cable TV. It's hard to get connected to the services.

Dialogue on Poverty with the board next month. The Board will make a decision on which way they want to go. Action committee will get the Data. Federal funding program. Top 5 needs with the County. Encourage them to apply for the grants.

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7. Zoom presentation – Shella Schermatzler, FCAG-CSBG needs assessments

Adjourned at    p.m.

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Monte Richardson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tami E. Hitshe

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