

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
LANDER COMMUNITY AND
CONVENTION CENTER, 950 BUENA
VISTA DRIVE
LANDER, WY 82520
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

**THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
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Governing Body Present: Mayor Monte Richardson, Council Members John Larsen, Chris Hulme, Mike Kusiek (zoom), Cade Maestas, Missy White

Governing Body Absent: Council Member Dan Hahn

City Staff Present: Assistant Mayor ReJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara (zoom), Attorney Adam Phillips (zoom), Public Works Director Lance Hopkin

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

1. Staff & Council Updates

Mayor Richardson read an open letter to the public regarding citizens working together to get through the current pandemic. He feels that the whole community is in this together and together we can get through this.

Member White thanked the Mayor for the letter and is hopeful that we all work together as a community to save our economy as best as we can. She is aware of businesses just barely holding on and fears the worst for some.

Member Larsen wanted to echo thanks to the Mayor and community.

Member Hulme agreed with the Mayor and other council members.

RaJean stated that she and the grant writer are finalizing the LWCF grant application.

There will be a public meeting and resolution on the Dec 8th council meeting agenda.

RaJean feels that the grant writer is a wise investment as he has been working for 6 months on this application and has made very good contacts with the grantor.

Chief Shroyer announced that there are two new officers, and he is not fully staffed based on this years funding model. Both officers will have to attend the training academy and they will be fully functional in about a year. The PD are back to 12-hour shifts and they are currently COVID free.

2. Snow Removal – Lance Hopkin

Lance showed a map of the suggested routes for this year. WYDOT will not help with main street but will be responsible for plowing from the main street bridge east out of town both to Riverton and Rawlins. The City has agreed to clear the walks for WYDOT in this stretch. WYDOT and the city met to determine who was responsible for these areas. It appears our city limit line was extended to the edge of town by the county mapserver, but there is no proof that the highway was annexed into the city. WYDOT and the City are researching when and if the annexation happened. If it did not, then WYDOT will retain the responsibility of the snow removal in this area.

Priorities are very different from prior years. There is more priority 1 to accommodate the new Montessori school and safe travel routes for trucks to the snow dumps in order to increase efficiency. The intent of the new plan is to get to all priority 1 in the first 2 days of a storm with blading only. The berm removal will be done after all streets are cleared and they will move onto blading priorities 3-5.

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Cade questioned the efficiency of adding the new school to priority one. As a private nonprofit they do not get school funds nor pay city taxes. Are we setting a precedent for other small private schools and businesses? Lance mentioned that this school has 50 students, and it would be for the safety of the parents as well as the neighborhood. It was agreed that it could be a lesser priority after the intersection of Goodrich and Robinson Drive which is required to get to the snow dump.

Lance is working with Lori and Mark on getting the priorities and protocols out on social media both before and during snow removal. Cade pointed out that the communication to the public has improved with each year, but it could be better. Lance mentioned that he would like to have the capability of contacting all water users through their phone like an amber alert. That may be a future option. Our GIS capability is increasing and may be another system than can help get out information real soon.

Missy wondered if efficiency would be better by requiring the moving cars onto drives, lots, in alleys etc. to get them cleared from the street. Chris wondered if they could just blade the travel lane and not maneuver through the parked cars. Lance reminded us that blading only the travel lanes would work for early snows, but later the ice and snow needs to be removed from the gutters to drain off the melt water and reduce icing up the water drainage.

John wanted to know if we could get the priority map out to website. There needs to be changes and this may be a living document as routes are tweaked for efficiency, but it can be posted on our website and social media.

Chris asked if any action was taken on the commercial lot owners after our last discussion. We had tagged WCB and the Methodist church that needed to be contacted for other arrangements as they have lots over the fee schedule limit. With Tami on vacation, no one had the answer, but staff will look into the progress.

Next meeting will be Dec 8th. The Dec 22nd work session meeting will be moved up to the 15th due to the holiday season.

John mentioned that it was very useful when Cade gave a short orientation to new council members and asked if Cade would do that again in January.

Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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By: _____
Monte Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

RaJean Strube Fossen

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