

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
July 24, 2018**

THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Governing Body Present: Mayor Del McOmie, Council President Cade Maestas, Vice President Monte Richardson, Council Members Melinda Cox, Dick Hudson, Council Members Dan Hahn

Governing Body Absent: Member Mark Calhoun

City Staff Present: Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Police Chief Bob Cecrle, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Sarah Edlund

Mayor Called meeting to order at 6:01

1. Staff & Council Updates

Chief Cecrle, no new news.

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen, update on Wyoming Veterans skilled nursing facility , public meeting last Tuesday 65 people came. Only state left in the nation who does not have this facility. 8 towns are being looked at. Looking at 1 month before we know if we are in the top three sites and then they will look at the construction costs for each site and then the legislature will pick the location.

Council Member Cox, it was a good meeting, one thing in our favor is that Lander has some state land, and we have the infrastructure to manage that type of business. One consideration they will look at is where our vets in Wyoming are located. Another thing that came up is how important our local Air service is to bring in these types of businesses. Without it we would not be in the running. Another concern is being able to staff it. We need to look at partnering with CWCs nursing program. Housing is another concern.

Council Member Hudson, one of the things we have had issues with the number of veterans we have no way of tracking how many vets are on the reservation or are locally. If we could get that number it would assist on filling in a missing piece.

Doug Anesi having worked with the reservation Nick Harris and Clint Wagon they are on the council and they may know who to contact.

Andy Gramlich, do we know the scoring scale on how they are going to weigh each item so we can address each concern.

Public Works Director Hopkin, Jefferson St. is going ok working on concrete work. Tight deadline but being overseen by WYDOT. Going to bid 1%work within the next two weeks.

Working on 3 buildings. One is at the 1 million gallon tank and are going to reroof that tank.

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Looking at cold storage being added to the streets building. Community center needs more storage for the new stage. It will be done in stages. Timing planning this fall and winter. Council Member Hudson, saw some of WYDOT maintenance crews were working on Jefferson st.

Mayor they work for the engineering dept during the summer. Public Works Director Hopkin WYDOT is providing the engineering work for that project.

Dan, Fremont street.

Public Works Director Hopkin we need to design it properly and then go back to WYDOT to partner with them on that project.

Council Member Cox, have we been communicating with the school district regarding the time of when this project will be completed? Yes

Missy is there signage that says this is 1% monies? Yes there will also be signs on the stop signs after the work is done.

Adam, reviewing the new TAP application and Golf course lease agreement. Still working on getting in touch with Verizon regarding their tower.

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen Taylor ditch and Cemetery ditch run though the golf course.

We lined the cemetery ditch behind LCCC. The ground water has dropped 3-5 feet from last year. The water directly behind the center has also gone down another 5 ft. So both projects have corrected water issues in the area.

City Clerk Edlund, new liquor license application public hearing next regular meeting. BOA meeting two variances were denied and they did a good job.

Council Member Cox, the board did a good job and we need to recognize that they do a good job.

Council President Maestas, after traveling around the country, it really makes me appreciate how nice our town is. We have nice roads even the ones with issues are great roads. Our 1% money our planning approach all of those things are great and everyone on council and staff need to be commended as it takes a lot of work but we do it well here.

Mayor, I received a phone call from someone from NE who called to tell us what a wonderful town we have, and how he was very impressed with our community.

2. Doug Anesi LOTRA presentation

We got our Rodeo grounds done with a lot of hard work but one person individually stepped up for the City on this project.

Council Vice President Richardson, This guy has donated hundreds of hours to the city in volunteer time. His work ethic is beyond impressive. On behalf of the City of Lander and Lotra we would like to present this plaque to Doug Anesi for all of his assistance on our Rodeo grounds. Doug, I am so pleased to have been a part of this as it was a project that I started 30 years ago. People have continuously said they appreciate the work that has been done to the facility. Appreciate the city crew they were great to work with.

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Sara, on behalf of LOTRA and the parks and recreation he did everything, he was there first thing in the morning, and all of this hard work is already paying off and events are being scheduled. Presented a halter and breast band from LOTRA and parks and recreation. Mayor the next thing we need to look at is covering the seating area. We need to look at pumping some water so it is not so dusty up there.

3. Goals

This is the opportunity for councils input on our goals and develop an action plan for moving forward. Mayor, I would like to make this more formal. Mayor would like to start by reviewing the mission and vision statement. Sometimes statements are so broad they lose the affect.

Council President Maestas, preserving the past maybe we could look at something closer to honoring the past.

Mayor we can not the preservation mean not moving forward or not changing anything. When we talk about preserving the past we mean things like our rodeo or our heritage not necessarily a physical building.

Council Member Cox what would you suggest.

Council President Maestas honoring traditions while embracing the future.

Honoring our traditions while building for the future

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen we need to make this our tag line and put it on our letterhead.

Missy White, from a risk management perspective safe means free from harm.

Compared to other communities in Wyoming we are considered a safe community.

Chief Cecrle, maybe my definitions are different what I suggest is to promote a safe community rather than use of the word provide.

Goals discussion:

Council President Maestas we should add working with Wind River visitor's council to promote tourism.

Council Member Cox, I like this part in here about shoplifting as it is a huge problem here in our community and we need to work with our local businesses to try and fix this problem.

Council President Maestas our responsibility starts outside the door, loss prevention is the business owner's problem.

Chief Cecrle we periodically have officers to walk through our stores just to show their presence. We have made arrests while on off duty. We are working with store owners to try and assist the stores. Camera systems are being upgraded so we can identify people and then follow up. The losses are staggering that our business owners are incurring.

Council Member Cox, we as council need to look at how we can help through our ordinances and fines so that there is accountability after they are arrested.

Public Works Director Hopkin, upgrading our firewalls and servers on our systems.

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Council President Maestas we need to add something to the LCCC, water treatment plant, our water tanks.

Council Member Hudson, the healthy rivers initiative should that be on here?

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen, it would probably be something a little bigger than just that but we should look at maybe something that says supporting community initiative.

Council Member Cox, beautification point, I think we need to add something on main street and keeping it traditional and beautiful.

Andy Gramlich, I really like this. But a goal is a general statement on where you want to be, and an objective is a goal that can be quantified.

Action steps should have a date or a deadline and measurable mile stones.

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen we will be hosting training for all of our staff through BOCES. Staff would like the training and it will last 7 to 9 months.

Council Member Cox, the lander girls softball operation has been in operation for over 20 years and they brought home their first state championship this year. And a huge thanks to the lander fire department for making them available even they are not associated with the schools.

Council Vice President Richardson took a tour of the fire hall today and Fred has done a great job, new floors and painting. Go take a look.

Public Works Director Hopkin had a discussion with some of the ditch companies. Cemetery ditch company is asking that folks adjust their head gates accordingly. Our part is in Worthen meadows and sending more water down the river during the drier times during the year. We are going to do that trial run to see how it goes we will be measuring the river in various parts.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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By: 
Del McOmie, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sarah Edlund, City Clerk

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