

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
January 23, 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, Dan Hahn, Mark Calhoun, Dick Hudson

Governing Body Absent:

City Staff Present: Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Police Chief Bob Cecrle, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Clerk Sarah Edlund, Fire Administrator Fred Cox, City Inspector Mike Logue

Mayor Called meeting to order at 6:00

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Staff & Council Updates

Council Member Calhoun, met with the chamber as the council liaison we had a good conversation about progress of the building. A word of appreciation to all of our employees at the City and the hard work they do.

Council Member Richardson; There is a meeting Thursday for the concert, 400 tickets have been sold. We are making good progress toward our targeted ticket sales.

Council Member Cox attended the Board of Adjustments meeting last week in regards to a variance request. Staff did well answering difficult questions. It was a good learning experience. Golf course meeting and they have concerns about the ditch and holes 13 and 14. Do we have any solutions for them? The Caboose is still being discussed on Facebook.

Council Member Hahn, the City employees do a good job.

Mayor, City Hall had a visit from boy scouts. As of today we are starting to recommend that people start running their water. We will give an extra 2000 gallon allowance each month for residential customers, not trailer parks or apartment buildings. Flu has struck the city employees so lots of people pitching in get our roads clean. We are posting on Facebook where we are with the snow removal. Please move your vehicles if you know we are doing snow removal.

City Attorney Phillips is working on a lot of contract reviews.

City Treasurer Lara would like to remind everyone about WAM in February.

Police Chief Cecrle asked on behalf of the city to allow us to use a company for finance and credit check information to assist us on this for candidate selection. The Department has just finished up yearly performance evaluations.

Public Works Director Hopkin appreciates that the Council is noticing that my staff is stepping up and helping us on our town and taking some pride in it. I am proud of what is getting done. We have made some strides in our planning. Several things coming up, some of them are big project with the concert and

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a good fundraiser for the bleacher replacements, RFQ for engineering, high pressure water line phase 2, lagoons, FEMA projects. We have a lot going on.

Council Member Hudson the crews moving the snow on the pathways are doing a good job.

Assistant Mayor Strube-Fossen, update on grants for Airport Board, they are working on a \$2500.00 enhancement grant for the fly in. TAP grant year extension, study will happen between March and Oct and then recommendations to the council.

Dan WYDOT reset the lights have you heard any comments from the Public?

Rajeau, we have heard comments both in favor and not.

The Chamber grant is on schedule and is doing quite well. Brian did some research on the funding model.

They are giving us a grant amendment because they were calculating our payment schedule incorrectly.

So now the timing is no longer an issue for the Chamber and they will not need the bridge loan. So an amendment will come up soon for signature.

Lance the City does have the rodeo bleachers out for bid.

2. Jim Donahue, Fremont Regional Sports and Recreational Complex

Local non-profit Mission Possible, started working with youth to increase our local graduation rates in our high schools. Apart of supporting the skate parks, the bike park near the high school. We recognize that there is a need for a recreation structure in our community for our youth and our senior community so they can recreate year round. We would like a complex in Riverton and one in Lander with overlapping areas and then some specialty areas specific to each town. We had a site picked out in Lander but unfortunately that did not work out, so we are on a hunt for a location. We are looking at 3 different properties and also looking at buying property and building, and are looking at grant opportunities and are working on funding.

Dick Hudson shared several years ago we went to Laramie and their rec center is amazing. I have already seen the grocery stores be indoor walking center for seniors. You have done a good job bringing the communities together.

The cost estimate is approximately 1.5 million for each location and funding operation costs will come through membership fees. We will offer scholarships and work study options for low income needs.

3. Jane Nolde, Senior Center Update

I appreciate that Dick comes to our board meetings, he has really helped. The senior center is for anyone 60 and older. The participants pay a donation. This year has been a first year that it is 50/50% for meals eaten in our center and delivered to home. We can keep a senior at home for \$365/ year with the programs we offer. We also offer some public transportation through our program. It is \$2.00 per ride and we will go to within 5 miles of town. It's a good program as seniors are more willing to give up their license if we have that transportation option for them. We probably do between 9 and 10K rides per year, and that doesn't include meal delivery. We have worked with the police department on scams. We are in an older building and our new roof does not leak. The contractor who put the roof in did a good job and was very considerate of the seniors. Our HVAC system is old and we cannot find parts for it so that will be a cost that is coming up. Tomorrow is cinnamon rolls. The center can be rented out for various different events. A non-senior can eat a meal for \$7.25. One of our big purposes is assisting on getting people information. We have a medical aid loan closet that we allow people to borrow items such as crutches or wheelchairs for short term to keep costs down. Nice selection of used books and you can bring your old books and puzzles. We have a constant white elephant sale. Would like to thank Fred Cox for the snow removal he has done a great job. We always have opportunities for volunteering.

4. Andy Gramlich, Presentation for Assisted Living Task Force

Update on our activities. We have a need and this project is very feasible. We had to raise funds through individuals in town to fund this study. We discovered 4 sites on town that would work for this type of

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facility. We are now looking for a management company to operate the site. It would be good economic development for the community.
It would be one to two bedroom options.

5. Parks and Recreation update

Sara Felix, I work with many committees of volunteers and wouldn't be able to do all the things we do without these people. The Parks and Recreation Board will be putting out a public survey. Tree board has a consultant from Montana to do a tree assessment for the city. Dog park committee, we now have a grant for fencing and a work day planned. We are planning on putting the dog park on the back end of the softball fields in the northwest corner. Greenway committee, off hillcrest we found some property that the city owns and we will develop that pathway.

Rodeo ground bleachers great volunteers, Ned Ledoux concert, silent auction, live auction and will have food trucks and donated refreshments. Tickets sold so far is 425 and we can sell up to 900. Monte has put up 200 posters all over the state.

Kiwanis is donating money to assist on replacing some of the equipment at North Park.

Dan Hahn, is friends of the park still involved? They gave us the rest of their money to use for up keep on the equipment.

Mark, you have a small crew and we have awesome out door spaces for the city to use due to their hard work. An Kudos to the police department for assisting on all these events to make sure our community is safe.

6. Liquor Law Changes

Seasonal license discussion. Mayor thinks they are geared toward more tourist town, and doesn't see a need to include this at this point in time. Melinda the only reason I can think would be needed would be for something like the golf course.

Discussion on if we are allowing kids in the bar vs a restaurant and how the new wording affects the laws.
Board of Adjustments

Originally the Applicant appealed the Building Inspector's decision to make them move the shed. The Board denied the appeal and then recommended to them to apply for a variance.

They did and said that our statues are cloudy and that they should be allowed. The board was informed that they did not meet the requirement and the board all voted in favor. The city will add a letter that says if we ever have to do something in that easement then that shed will have to be moved at their experience. Adam my concern was not so much the shed but the Board did not vote to follow the ordinance.

We are putting a volunteer board into a hard spot. We want to sit down and discuss with them what the rules are and they have to follow those.

The Board of Adjustments and the planning commission probably should not be the same people but we need to look at separating these duties if it is decided to separate these. Mayor would like to recommend to the council that we have separate boards.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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By: _____
Del McOmie, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Sarah Edlund, City Clerk

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