

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
September 28, 2021**

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Governing Body Present: Mayor Monte Richardson, Council Members John Larsen, Chris Hulme, Julia Stuble, Dan Hahn, Missy White, Melinda Cox

Governing Body Absent:

City Staff Present: City Clerk Tami Hitsheew, City Treasurer Charri Lara, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Police Chief Scott Peters, City Attorney Adam Phillips

1. Recognition of Margaret Appleby for Housing Authority Board
Mayor Richardson presented Margaret Appleby with a Plaque and flowers for her 29 years volunteering on the Housing Authority Board. Jim Corbett said that he served with Maggie on several different boards. Said she is active in a lot of things. Congratulated her for 29 years for being a volunteer in Lander.

2. Staff & Council Updates
Chief Peters – Took the new patrol vehicle is in Salt Lake to get it equipped. He submitted the grants for the data systems. Is meeting with Pet Connection tomorrow to see what can come up with for stray animals.
RaJean Strube Fossen said she has been working on an extension of the Sinks Canyon MOU with Lance. It expires in December. The agreement will be presented at a later meeting. We were awarded the \$250,000 from the land conservation fund for the purchase of the park.
Mayor Richardson talked about the chip sealing project. The crews are working on getting it cleaned up.
Charri Lara - Finished the accounting from last year in preparation for the auditors. Ended up with \$3.1 million in reserves.
Tami Hitsheew – informed council Rachelle has set up interviews for the new Fire/airport manager position for Friday and Tuesday. Hopefully we will be able to hire someone soon.
Julia Stuble - Thanked Maggie for her service and everyone else on the board.
Missy White - Riverton has passed over 10,000 enplanements. This is the first time in many years. At the WEDA meeting they have picked FAST as a high impact economic development project. Also thanked Maggie for her years of volunteering. The Pig roast was fabulous event. It was a great event. Thanked the Mayor and the VFW for putting it together.
Chris Hulmes – Mentioned the company that built the skate park will be coming to do some repairs in a couple of weeks.
Melinda Cox - Did see the Enforcement Officer on Main Street. That was good to see. Has had questions about enforcement of personal property. There has been an increase of lack of care of front yards. Weeds and Trash. Talked about Tony's pizza having a trash bin in front of the property along with the orange fencing. Thanked all the volunteers that helped with the pig roast. September 25th was Wyoming Public Lands Day. There was a great event at south pass. Received an update on the Main Street project from a high school freshman. Good to know that the information is getting out there.
John Larsen – Had a lot of fun at the pig roast. Was amazed at how people stop to volunteer. A couple from Nevada even helped. They were passing through town and wanted to help out. Thanked the community for the things they do.
Mayor Richardson thanked Council Members Larsen and Hahn for their help at the pig roast. We had plenty of food. Followed the covid protocol. Thanked Adam Kirkpatrick for putting

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together the music. Had Great bands. Thanked CB&T for all of their help with the corn horn tournament and the kids' games. Raised some money for next year. It is scheduled for July 23rd.

3. Project Partnership Agreement discussion for Design and Construction of the Flood Management project (Wall at Fremont Street)

RaJean presented a power point presentation on the Popo Agie River Section 205 Feasibility study. It is just a reminder of what was presented in April. The Core of Engineers are wanting the city to enter into a Project Partnership Agreement. The agreement will allow them to move forward with designs and construction of the flood barrier. The question is where the city comes up with 3 million for this project. Missy White wanted RaJean to talk about Hasco barriers. RaJean explained what those barriers are. The Corps won't accept those because there is not enough warning time to mobilize those barriers before the floods happen. John asked minimum cash is \$429,000. Can the city do in kind work for the 3 million. The remainder can be in kind or land acquisitions, or anything that was in their schedule. Melinda Cox asked if we sign the partnership agreement, is there any way to retract it? Adam Phillips said generally there is a mutual termination clause whereby it is agreeable by both parties. There was discussion on the schedule of the project and when it will get the community involved in the discussion. RaJean said March 2022 will be a great time for a town hall meeting to get the community involved. Chris - question on the definition of the project. It only references acquisitions and relocation of the trailer park but doesn't reference any other property. RaJean said there it a timeframe to change the scope of the work. We could do that if you want. Dan said it comes down to costs. What is it going to cost us if we move forward, where are we going to get 3 million? Charri Lara said we could borrow from the enterprise fund. She has concerned of where it will come from also. You need to decide whether you want to bite it off and start putting money aside. Missy - also asked about the finances. It won't be an easy decision. RaJean said it is to be determined if we can use the ARPA money for this or not. Missy - talked about flood insurance rates if we would be able to get it and at what cost. RaJean said Tim Robeson said he would produce information on the flood insurance if we needed it. Julia – asked if this agreement will be presented at the next regular council meeting. RaJean said it will either be October or November. Julia asked if we could do a lot of advertising so community could weigh in their comments.

4. Discussion on “13 Ways to kill your community” book

The homework for the council was to read next two chapters of this book. They discussed what they learned. Melinda Cox talked about chapter 3, “Don't engage youth”. 35 years and younger. Talked about the young and snapchat and tik toks. We don't engage the youth. If it's about them, include them. Value what they have to offer. John talked about the new group that the chamber has come up with. Agree that we need to include the youth. Melinda said very important for Succession plans. Mayor Richardson said looking at our census, only 20% is 65 and older. Charri talked about the changes we are making on air tables and will share with council when we get them finished. We need to change the way we do business if we want to engage any of the youth to work in government. Working from home and giving them the flexibility is a big deal. John talked about how to engage the youth. Missy likes the idea to reframe our youth with the future. Talks about Lander needs to continue to change. Dan said we need to attract new business. Engage the youth 35 and younger. He believes we are a lot younger now than we were 5 years ago. Julia said maybe we should talk to the Chamber youth group and maybe invite them to a work session at some point to give us some feedback of what they would like to see in Lander. Chris said we have a lot of people that would step in the positions of the boards and commissions. Also likes to involve the youth. Outreach the youth when we talked about the housing and zoning proposals. Housing development is a key to help bring the youth to our community. Julia mentioned that the county used to offer a training to board members. The 35 and younger group are strapped for time because they are raising children and working and usually don't have time to volunteer.

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John - talked about Chapter 4, “Deceive yourself” and the exercise about getting people of influence to sit on these boards. RaJean mentioned the master plan for the new park land would be a great opportunity for youth to get involved. Chris saw both sides come out during the zoning meeting we had. Generational differences. Monte said he met with 5th graders today and talked about being better leaders. RaJean said the statement that is always said “That’s the way we have always done it” is the incorrect response. Take the time to listen to a new way that something can be done.

5. Other council discussion – if needed

Chris asked about what the status was on the nondiscrimination ordinance that was discussed. Julia said Adam is reviewing a draft that she created. Adam said the staff needs to be involved in preparing these ordinances and then it can be discussed at a future work session. Chris also asked about a park fundraiser committee for the park lands. Has that come together? It was discussed that we wanted to secure the land before we moved forward on fundraising committee.

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Monte Richardson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tami E. Hitshew

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