

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
July 27, 2021**

**THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
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Governing Body Present: Council Members John Larsen, Chris Hulme, Julia Stuble, Dan Hahn, Missy White, Melinda Cox

Governing Body Absent:

City Staff Present: City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Clerk Tami Hitsheew, Police Chief Scott Peters, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin

1. Staff & Council Updates

Chief Peters - We were awarded the grant for Narcan. Will start training process. Gave some statistics since we are halfway through the year. For the year down 4% in calls. Usually have around 6,000 calls a year. Will calls going down, traffic enforcement is up 22%. DUI arrest up 17% Crashes are down 13%.
Lance Hopkin- Chipping project will be starting soon. They will be on a lot of different streets.
Charri Lara– Attended the summer WAM convention Has good speakers. Is ordering a book “13 ways to kill your community” for the council to have. It was a great conference. She just got back from national APT conference. Was reelected for another 2-year board position.
Dan Hahn – mentioned there is a lot of highway stripping going on.
Julia Stuble - Congratulated Charri for her appointment. Thank you to all the LIFT committee appointees.
Missy White – Wanted Lance to pass on to the park crew a big thanks. It has been very busy summer and they are keeping it looking great. Congrats to John and Monte for the presentation at WAM and having them agree to move forward with the idea for moving dark money out of Wyoming elections. Very important for maintaining democracy and keeping Wyoming elections by and for Wyoming people. Very grateful for the LIFT committee. Next step is getting economic development ideas
Chris Hulme - appreciate Lance for starting some dialogue with some of the contractors for learning about the fire sprinkler systems
Melinda Cox - Gave update on attending the (WAM) Wyoming Association of Municipalities convention. Great conference. Would like to discuss with council about what we learned. Great opportunity to listen to great speakers.
John Larsen- Gave an update on the Lander Chamber meeting he attended.
Mayor Richardson – Thanked the city crews for all of their help. Reminded all of the September 18th citywide picnic. CBT will sponsor this event. Pig roasting will start at 1:00 a.m. Like to invite all community members to come and join the fun. We do need volunteers to step up and help.

2. Presentation from Strike Consultants on FEMA projects.

Andy Strike and Bryce Roberts gave a presentation. Council thanked them for the great information and stated they now feel like they can explain it to concerned citizens.

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3. Discuss discrimination citizen complaints – Julia Stuble

Julia Stuble explained she is looking forward to this discussion. She said there are many reasons people choose to live in Lander but sadly there are many reasons people don't choose to live in Lander or don't stay after they moved here for some period of time and then find it difficult for them to stay. Wyoming doesn't have a hate crime law and have a reputation in the state of being an unsafe and unfriendly place to live for members of the LGBTQ plus community. Wyoming doesn't provide adequate protections for gender identity and sexual orientation and while there are federal protections for race discrimination and structural racial inequities here in Lander today. She would like to propose a non-discrimination ordinance to affirm Lander to be an inclusive and welcoming place.

Several members from the audience spoke about their concerns and issues they have had or have heard about and are all in support of a non-discrimination ordinance.

Adam Phillips explained has done research and talked about this with Council Members Cox and Stuble. Things happen to all walks of life. Discrimination happens all over the United States. They have recourse if they are terminated from a job. Wyoming constitution has been in place to protect them from that. Challenges to overcome. We have a lot of ordinances right now that we don't enforce. Why have that if we can't enforce it. If this is truly about getting around discrimination, the question is what is the best way is to do this to be able to get the results that we want. Charri Lara said she saw City of Casper asked their staff to draft an ordinance on this same issue. She will see if we can get a copy of that document they are looking to pass.

Mayor Richardson said we can't isolate one group of people. If we do this, It needs to be for everyone. All discrimination types. We need to think about everyone.

Council members are all on board to look at draft ordinances to try and come up with one for Lander. This will be discussed at a later work session meeting.

4. Other council discussion – if needed

Adjourned 8:13

The City of Lander
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Monte Richardson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Tami E. Hitshe

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