

**CITY OF LANDER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
August 23, 2022**

THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

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

Governing Body Absent: None.

City Staff Present: City Clerk/Human Resources Director Rachelle Fontaine, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Attorney Adam Phillips, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Lander Chief of Police, Scott Peters.

Call to Order.

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order-Mayor
- III. Approval of Agenda-Mayor Richardson moved to amend the agenda. He moved to amend New Business (a) Authorize Mayor to sign Change Order with Hein Bond Architects for Maven Project to Authorize Mayor to sign change order with Groathouse Construction for the Maven Project and to add public comment prior to New Business.

MOTION: Council Member Stuble moved to amend the agenda as proposed and approve the amended agenda. Council Member White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. Public Comment- Karen Wetzel addressed the council. She inquired as to Tecia Lynn Waller's qualifications for the Agreement for the Lander Community Center, knowledge she has to run and maintain a building that size, how many proposals were received, when and where was the request for proposal advertised, was the request opened up to other cities, the county or state-wide. Secondly, she inquired about the money going to Maven and private business. She commented that money collected from added taxes was supposed to be used for infrastructure and the airport. Mayor Richardson thanked her for her comments and stated that her questions should be answered as the meeting progresses.

- V. New Business
 - A. Authorize Mayor to sign Change Order with Groathouse Construction for the Maven Project. Discussion on change orders and the process.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to authorize Mayor to sign Change Order with Groathouse Construction for the Maven Project. Council Member Hulme seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Authorize Mayor to sign Change Order No. 3 with Patrick Construction Inc. for the Bank Restoration and Utility Crossings of the Middle Fork of the Popo Agie.

MOTION: Council Member moved Stuble sign Change Order No. 3 with Patrick Construction Inc. for the Bank Restoration and Utility Crossings of the Middle Fork of the Popo Agie. Council Member Hahn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Authorize Council to sign Agreement between City of Lander and Tecia Lynn Waller for Lander Community Center. Mayor Richardson recused himself as he is related to Tecia Lynn Waller. Mayor Richardson left the meeting for this discussion. City Council President, Missy White, presided over the discussion.

MOTION: Council Member Hulme moved to authorize the Council to sign Agreement between

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City of Lander and Tecia Lynn Waller for Lander Community Center. Council Member Larsen seconded the motion.

Discussion concerning the request for proposal process. City Attorney Phillips provided background and historic context. This contract is a service contract for an independent contractor, not a city employee. Recently, duties were added to the contract. The added duties required more money, as the added duties would take more time than previously agreed. The city advertised for Request for Proposals, pursuant to W.S. §15-1-113 in the designated local paper on July 20, 27, and August 3, 2022, as well as on the City website and social media. The bid is open to anyone desiring to submit a bid. As Ms. Waller is Mayor Richardson’s daughter, Attorney Phillips consulted the Wyoming State Statutes concerning nepotism for public government as well as caselaw. W.S. §9-3-104 statutes nepotism public government, W.S. §9-3-104, as well as case law. Anybody can be hired but employees cannot be supervised by a family member, and a family member cannot influence hiring. This case is this person is not an employee, the city liaison should be Charri or Danielle. Council Member Hahn commented he would not do it and inquired about the procedure to abstain from voting. City Clerk, Rachelle Fontaine, stated one proposal was received. Discussion concerning prior services contracts and precedent for family members contracting with the City of Lander for services. Discussion concerning qualifications of the applicant. Council member Stuble noted that Ms. Waller has previous janitorial experience with at least four properties including a bank, a professional cleaning company, a church and a school. She thanked the previous contractor for his stewardship of the community center.

City Council President White called for a vote. Council Members Larsen, Cox, Hulme, White and Stuble voted yes. Council Member Hahn voted no. Motion passed 5-1.

Mayor Richardson rejoined the meeting.

- D. Approve removal of the retiring City Clerk, Tami E. Hitsheiw from all City of Lander financial accounts and adding the new City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine to all City of Lander financial accounts. Approve granting of all City of Lander banking privileges to the new Deputy Treasurer/Clerk to Kevin Kulow. Introduce Kevin Kulow.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to approve the removal of the retiring City Clerk, Tami E. Hitsheiw from all City of Lander financial accounts and adding the new City Clerk Rachelle Fontane to all City of Lander financial accounts. Approve granting of all City of Lander banking privileges to the new Deputy Treasurer/Clerk to Kevin Kulow. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approve S 22.08 J I Pattens Subdivision Block 31, lots 14-17 replat.

MOTION: Council Larsen Member moved to approve subdivision S 22.08 J I Pattens Subdivision Block 31, lots 14-17 replat. Council Member Stuble seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjourn Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Larsen moved to approve to adjourn meeting. Council Member Cox made second. Motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Monte Richardson, Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk/Human Resource Director

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