

**CITY OF LANDER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
June 28, 2022**

THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

Governing Body Present: Mayor Monte Richardson, Council Members John Larsen, Missy White, Julia Stuble (via Zoom), Melinda Cox, Dan Hahn.

Governing Body Absent: Chris Hulme

City Staff Present: City Clerk Tami Hitsheew, City Treasurer Charri Lara, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Attorney Adam Phillips, Human Resource Director Rachelle Fontaine, Assistant Public Works Director, Hunter Roseberry.

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 requested the June 28, 2022, Regular Council Meeting agenda be amended to include item c under New Business: Authorize an eighty-cent discount off the current price of fuel for the Fly-In pilots.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to approve as amended. Council Member Cox made second. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. Resolutions
 - a. Resolution 1250- Open Container Permit North 8th Street July 2, 2022

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to approve the open container permit ending at 10:00 p.m.. Council Member White made second. Motion passed unanimously.

- V. New Business
 - a. Authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding with Lander Pet Connection.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to approve. Council Member Hahn made second. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Authorize Mayor to sign Legal Services Agreement with Rick Sollars.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to approve. Council Member Cox made second. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Authorize an eighty-cent discount off the current price of fuel for the Fly-In pilots.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to approve. Council Member Cox made second. Motion passed unanimously

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VI. Adjourn Meeting

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

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6: 19 p.m.

ATTEST:

The City of Lander

By: _____
Monte Richardson, Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, Human Resource Director

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1. **Staff & Council Updates**

Lance Hopkin – FEMA update on work to repair the 2017 damage to infrastructure and problem areas. PCI Construction has made the connections on Third Street, across over on Wyoming and the bottom for water and sewer lines. They will finish the bank work in that area and move to behind the Chamber, the bridge and JC Park. Originally the work was to be complete in July, but DCI will be requesting an extension. We have contacted Homeland and they will contract FEMA about the extension. We have expended a lot of money on this project and want to receive reimbursement from FEMA. We are hoping to get something back by the end of the year, or early next year. Bucket truck is back. It still needs a little bit of other work, but the hydraulics are fixed. We intend to leave the Christmas lights on trees, so the trees are not damaged. We met with Ron Wempen, and the fire department. We looked at some of the areas and properties we own down by the river. Ron didn't want to touch those areas due to past experiences with Game and Fish and the Army Corps. We are really concerned about grass fires, and we will reach out and make those contacts in order to move forward. The Golf Course has a new restaurant occupant. There have been some equipment purchases that become part of the building that the city is involved with and there will be some expense involved.

RaJean Strube Fossen – Two short updates. In front of you is print material from the Independent Alliance of Fremont County which is a new name for board that manages the community services block grants. We put out this material because of the name change and because a lot of people are unaware of our services, like Almost Home Wyoming, Eagles Hope Transitions, VOA and County Group Home. These materials will be provided to the victim witness coordinator and law enforcement. The first small public meeting about the Fremont flood mitigation project public meeting went well. Another meeting is scheduled after the 4th for Fremont Street residents.

Charri Lara – Dave Frazier from WAM called making us aware the corporations are meeting in Hulett on Thursday. They will discuss liquor license changes and housing problems. The Public can tune in. Our dark money proclamation that was moved forward will also be discussed at this meeting. She posted payroll and we will end up in surplus this year. She requests the remaining surplus, of approximately \$500,000, be placed into equipment replacement line item. Met with asset manager. Our CD's coming due will be able to sell into an environment making more interest. Positive news for investments.

Adam Phillips – Nothing

Rachelle- Nothing

Tami-Nothing

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Julia Stuble-Update on LIFT and LEDA have scheduled a review of process and protocol on July 11. Please let her know if anyone would like any specific issues addressed. She inquired as to the public comment process at council meetings. Mayor Richardson responded that he felt public comment was getting out of control and was not on topic. The policy allows council to be prepared to give answers. The deadline request to speak at a Tuesday meeting will be the Friday before the meeting. Council Member Stuble opposes signing up in advance as the change has a chilling effect on comments the council needs to hear.

Dan Hahn – Awesome news. Lander Middle School received seventeen bikes donated for the Physical Education department as alternative sport and bike safety.

Missy White – Couple things. In our last business meeting, we noted that due to the increasing cost of repair and replacement that water cost is also increasing. The city has an existing assistance program to help with water bills. Reach out to Danielle and see if you qualify and spread the word. Attended the climate summit Saturday. Dr Schumann from the University of Wyoming as part of a group of scientists is looking not just at the big picture, but how climate change affects weather patterns. They are able to look at specific local patterns including the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. The Community Center burned ten years ago today Please be considerate and careful with fireworks

Melinda Cox- We had several events this last week. On Thursday, Lander Presents concert went well. There was the Eastern Shoshone Indian days, a pop-up concert at the Middle Fork with three incredible bands from Austin Texas as well as the Lander climate summit. Wind River Pride did a nice job making sure things were appropriate and cordial. Lander hosted state baseball. She expressed concerns about the new shop in town selling Delta 8, CBD, and mood enhancers that are very dangerous. Acknowledged the Senior Center and the unveiling for the solar charging center. We are receiving emails about sirens and there needs to be a discussion and solution to the concern.

John Larsen- Question for Council Member Cox artificial opiate is legal? Council Member Cox responded yes. Thanked the street crews for painting turning lanes.

Mayor Richardson-Thanked everyone for hard work as these are trying times. Thanked the council for going to meetings and staff for their hard work to keep the city running.

2. Title 4 Storage Container amendment discussion-The recommendation is different than Planning Commission originally presented. The Planning Commission has met twice and considered public comment. The recommendation is a three-factor permitting: a permanent structure, a temporary structure and a construction project structure. Council Member Hahn asked if there was a color match requirement for permanent structures? RaJean responded that the Planning Commission discussed an aesthetic code but did not include one. This amendment addresses setbacks and structure types.

3. Discussion on Ordinance 2022-3 – City Wards-Adam Phillips explained there was a citizen request to research establishment of wards. In 1963 Ordinance 442 outlined three different wards according to legal description. These should be updated each census. In an effort to rectify this situation and show current wards, he requested the City Clerk reach out to the County Clerk. The proposed ordinance on this agenda is for discussion and is not complete. Ordinance 442 needs to be updated. Council Member White expressed concern about repealing Ordinance 442 and adopting a new ordinance and the effect that might have on ballots and candidates. Council Member Cox appreciates the update and has concern about timing. It is important to update the wards, but the update should wait. Council Member Larsen agrees with Council Member Cox. This is very important. It is nothing nefarious, but there is no problem waiting until after election avoid contention that this has been causing. Council Member Hahn stated it should wait until December. Council Member Stuble stated it is clearly important but could be addressed this winter. Mayor Richardson stated this is

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one issue Municode identified as outdated. Fremont County Clerk, Julie Freese, explained that her office does not create nor monitor boundary lines. Her office performs redistricting and works on legislative lines, and she also looks at commissioner districts. She does not look at city lines. The reason the County has ward lines is due to city annexations. When those deeds are recorded, that information is provided to the county election office and the county expands the cities lines because the city says to. It is up to the City Council to adjust boundaries.

Sarah Dike-Lives on tweed lane requested permission to address the City Council. She thinks the new public comment policy is wrong and should not be implemented. She is glad to hear that it sounds like the Council is in agreement that changing Ordinance 442 should not be addressed until after the election. As a citizen any changes to districting or wards during an election reflects badly, and causes citizens, even if not the case, to think something nefarious is occurring. She expressed hope that when the Council does address the issue, they make it a bit fairer. She does not feel it is reasonable for citizens to ask to be on the agenda for public comment by Friday. Mayor Richardson agreed that Monday would be a reasonable timeframe. She feels these meetings are the citizens meeting, ran by the Mayor, and being caught off-guard is sometimes part of the job.

Karen Wetzel- She agrees with Sarah Dike. Article 1 of the Wyoming Constitution provides the right of people peaceful assemble to consult for the common good. Article 1, Section 21 and make known their opinion shall never be denied or abridged. Wyoming Statute §16-4-403 states that meetings are to be open, participation by public and minutes to be recorded. We should be given that opportunity.

4. LCAN discussion-Kara Colovich lives on Hobson Street. She wanted to come as a representative of LCAN and the energy and environment task force to report on the Climate Summit hosted here Saturday. We had the City of Laramie and Jackson, as well as representatives from the Wind River Reservation. It was a great opportunity to establish networks in those communities. She highlighted the strong Indigenous prospective to promote collaboration. She reiterated Council Member White's comments about the UW scientists helping solidify climate projections for our local region. The increased flooding, number of hot days, and drought would be areas to look into. Council Member Cox stated we need to discuss implementing these items into the budget, so departments have access to funding. Ms. Kolovich responded that LCAN is developing a Rubric for energy efficiency suggestions to classify different projects and they will pass it along to counsel and staff for feedback. This will be a collaborate document
5. Discussion on debt service and meters-Lance wanted to start a discussion as we are coming up in the masterplan and reassessing fees and looking at capital improvement projects. There are existing meter issues in a couple of areas including- manufactured homes. Often, they are building their own infrastructure on larger parcels. There can be individual meters in homes with a master meter in front of those. People realize if they pull the individual meter out of trailers, they are still receiving water service from the master meter. This creates a disparity in rates. People from out of town, or with additional connections or adjacent connections should be equalized. Our title 9 rules need to be changed to address these issues. Charri Lara added that when one renter, for example doesn't pay their water bill, they can still receive water because the park has a master meter and the master meter would need to be shut off, but that stops water for everyone in the park. Council Member Stuble reiterated there are three problems: 1. Unequal rates between master meters and independent meters; 2. Calculating correct rates in some master meter situations and 3. Shutting off master meters for lack of individual meter payment as affecting people who are paying. Lance expects the masterplan in August.

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6. Discussion on city ordinances Title 3, 5, 9 -Hunter Roseberry. Title 3, 5 and 9 has a goal to tighten language and up eliminate contradictions to clarify the city's requirements and make it simpler for contractors to follow. This discussion will be explored in more depth at future work sessions.
7. Discussion on Safe Streets for All funding opportunity- RaJean explained this is a four-year, short-term funding opportunity for federal highway money ranging from \$200,000 to two million dollars that would leverage our one percent funds. This grant requires a resolution. The resolution can be either Vision Zero, a resolution to eliminate traffic deaths by a certain date or Complete Streets, a resolution to make streets safer for all modes of transportation. She reached out to the County, but they were not able to collaborate on this project. RaJean will prepare a resolution for the City Council's consideration. This fits our strategic plan.

Adjourned 8: 01p.m.

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Monte Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachelle Fontaine, Human Resource Director

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