

**CITY OF LANDER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
240 LINCOLN STREET  
LANDER, WY 82520  
June 14, 2022**

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

**Governing Body Absent:**

**City Staff Present:** City Clerk Tami Hitshe, City Treasurer Charri Lara, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Chief Scott Peters, Attorney Adam Phillips Hunter Roseberry, Chris Johnson, Rachelle Fontaine

**Call to Order.**

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

- I. Public Hearing
  - (a) Open Public Hearing
  - (b) Introduce and Read. Charri read budget as presented.
  - (c) Ask for comments

**Phillip Strong** expressed concerns on whether the city can afford to allocate funds to the Golf Course and Community Center. Mr. Strong commented that selling the Golf Course and Community Center should be considered. He urged the city to provide the police officers a livable wage, so as not to lose excellent police officers and staff.

- (d) Close public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Council Member Stuble moved to approve. Council Member Hulme made second. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Oral Comments

(a) Fire Department Badge Presentation Bobby Johnson presided over a badge presentation to Grant Burke.

- (b) Staff and Council Updates.

**Chief Peters** -Not a lot. The software grant finally came through. This is a \$40,000 grant with no required match. His office is busy and peaking in calls. He asks the community to be patient with weeds and grass. The grass has exploded. The department receives an average of five call a day concerning weeds and grass. The department is working on those one by one.

**Lance Hopkin**- Introduced Hunter Roseberry the new Assistant Public Works Director. He is working hard enforcing codes.

**RaJean Strube-Fossen**- Provided a grant update. The city received \$10,000 place making grant from the Wyoming Business Council that will be added to a grant from the Lander Cycling Club to rehabilitate the dirt bike park. It includes a shade shelter and revamping the bike park. That will happen late summer. The city was approved to put in for two Transportation Alternative Grants. One was for Baldwin and South 9<sup>th</sup> and the other is for planning study for a Main Street crossing at 1st and pathway to the new Popo Agie Park. Those are due July 15. The city is starting neighborhood flood update meetings. Next week will a meeting be for the South 1<sup>st</sup> Street manufactured home park area and the week after July 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for the homeowners who live along Fremont Street. These will continue until we can gear up for large town meeting.

**Charri Lara**- Monte, Rachelle and I attended WAM last week and it was a good session. I encourage everyone to attend at least one a year. The ideas and things that other small communities

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are doing is unreal.

**Attorney Phillips-** No update.

**Rachelle Fontaine-** The City Barbeque is June 22, 2022, at the Drill Field. Working on HR and policy updates.

**Tami Hitshe-** No updates.

**Council Member Hahn-** His question was answered. He was wondering about the flood mitigation small meetings. He is glad to see that happen.

**Council Member Stuble-** Has an update on the two learning sessions we hosted in late May for the Main Street Association which is preliminary idea. The city hosted the Wyoming Business Council who hosts the Wyoming Main Street Program. Staff came up to join us to discuss what those associations can look like in other Wyoming towns, the benefits they can bring, and the possible structures of how you can set up a Main Street Association. We had two sessions that were well attended. Robust discussion about what Lander's downtown strengths and assets are and what could be improved as well. The next steps include a smaller site visit. Lastly, thank you Mr. Strong for your comments on the budget I share your concerns about the level of wages for our police officers and I am appalled at the number of officers that have an economic need to hold multiple jobs. I find that very troubling. I am proud of budget we will approve tonight. That is a topic we are going to address as soon we can in the next fiscal year. Thank you for keeping it on our minds.

**Council Member White-**Has several things, many giving kudos. The testing and adjustment of sirens thanks to fire folks and Comcast in helping attenuate the levels of the sound and making sure things work. Happy to see the topic sharing of water and sewer staff is on the agenda at FCAG. It's hard for small communities to have the qualified staff to make those systems work. Great that larger communities in Fremont County are willing to look at ways to help them out. Happy to see Sinks Canyon and Wacky Fish Camp registration is happening. I presented the general welcome for the Rotary District Conference as Council Member Stuble was ill and unable to attend. We had about 150 attend. A number of people commented that Lander and the facility is incredible. Thanks to Lance and the local engineering firm for hosting the water system master plan. It was helpful to see the amount of work that has happened in recent years and the long-term thinking that is occurring. Following up with the Chief, remember those of us with alleys it is the residents responsibility to trim weeds in the alley. There was a ton of Lander kids made the UW honor roll and dean's list and they are to be commended. Lastly, mother nature is a powerful force. Glad folks are aware of the need for fire, flood tornado etc We are seeing more and more atypical events- from Northern Wyoming getting three feet of snow on Memorial Day, Minnesota and Michigan having tornadoes and Yellowstone having devastating flooding.

**Council Member Hulme-** There are some repairs needed at skate park that did not happen in the fall due to weather. The company came through last week and they were able to repair the coping around the entire bowl rather than just fixing the pieces here and there to give a longer-term repair. The company did not see anything else they needed to address. Some community members donated to make a portion of that possible and some that was coming out of the city. The parks department was excited to see happen and based upon safety of the community. Thanks to the Parks department for helping with power and water for the repairs. I appreciate the community members in the area respecting the process and keeping the area cleaned up and safe. Regarding building codes and fire sprinklers or residences, a local remodel/sprinkler system install came in at approximately \$2.50 sq ft. As a city we have numerous things going on, we are moving forward on all of them. Our staff is extremely dedicated and working on the planning we did for the last several years.

**Council Member Cox-**Like to address a couple things that relate to the environment and energy task force I sit on. One, they have done a running list of facility projects and shares that with RaJean and Lance. It would be good if all council members and mayor were able to review that. I would like to know, where the city's buy in falls in regard to which projects they recommend be completed. For information they have been doing walk throughs of all our facilities and looking at what the needs are to reduce our greenhouse gas impact. Would like an opportunity to meet with Adam to discuss the state's 25-kilowatt net meter limit. Where we could look at our franchise agreements and discuss our options. This task force does a really good job. They are very efficient.

**Council Member Larsen-** This last weekend, the chamber had a very successful Brewfest. No solid numbers yet. There were 30 brewers and massive crowds. The park was left in great shape. The golf tournament was a success. This Thursday is the young professional group, and they are discussing crypto currency. LOTRA doing well for the rodeo. The Fly-In is going forward and should be a grand event. Question concerning the responsibility of weeds in the pavement itself. Lance Hopkin is the city's responsibility, reach out and let him know and the city can get them done.

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**Mayor Richardson**- He went to the summer convention for WAM. There were great classes. Lot of funding available. Everybody is worried about the same issues as Lander. People are worried about funding, infrastructure, streets, and housing. Everybody should try and make it to those conferences.

- (c) Proclamation – Wind River Pride Month- 9th annual Council  
Member Larsen read proclamation
- (d) Communication from the Floor – Citizen’s Comments

**Mayor Richardson**- Over the past year there has been renewed interest in the city government. For the council and I we are very grateful that so many want to participate. In order to be more efficient, the city government will be structured so that the agenda item called Communication from the Floor the city will always allow citizens to address the council. In the past citizens were to request to be heard in advance of this meeting this was done to ensure the topic of discussion would be relevant to the agenda having efficiencies and to allow the council and staff to better prepare to discuss topics as they came up. Beginning July 12, we will return to this structure. To be heard by the mayor and council, first reach out to the city clerk if the topic is concerning a scheduled agenda item you will be given the floor for three minutes. As always citizens are welcome to communicate their ideas and concerns to the mayor and council directly via email. Email addresses can be found on the City of Lander website.

**Warren Thompson** Expressed his concerns about the flood wall. He is asking for an open community meeting and opposes splitting meetings into smaller groups. He asked the mayor and councilmen to quit saying those against the flood mitigation are putting out misinformation. If there is misinformation, he would like to know what that misinformation is. Council Member White responded that there will be an open community meeting in September because that is the date the design will be completed. Warren like to have the meeting before the primary election so the citizens can see what the council is doing with the flood wall. Council Member White responded that there are still early-stage plans for large town hall meeting which would include information about the flood mitigation, fire, streets, sewers efforts with all this information one in July. Council Member White thanked Mr. Thompson for the opportunity to note some of the misinformation. Some of the things she has heard are that the council is going to close off the use of City Park, that we will destroy the paly ground, that the flood design will be a giant concrete wall, again there is no design as of yet, that we will not let the fire department have a place to practice, that it is a done deal, that the conversation is new and being done with a lack of transparency, when we have records going back to 2009 about this process and everything except private property acquisition has be done in the open with council meetings and minutes. Council Member Cox responded -still in the study process No decision has been made. We are still gathering and processing information. She appreciates constituent input and concern. If an opportunity to have the meeting sooner than September not a bad idea. There has been a vote on what will happen after the study is completed.

**Phillip Strong**- He spoke out a couple months ago about the resolution saying it was going to be discriminatory if we passed something like that. I am disheartened that we declared June to be Pride Month. He expressed concern where does it stop. He urged the council to think deeply about this in the future out of concern for Lander.

**Lanny Applegate**- Has lived around this community for 61 years. He sees Lander going backwards. He still owns a house here and still calls Lander home. It is time for citizens to take the town back. He does not support a brick wall.

**Council Member Hahn**-Asked about the process the council uses when talking about property. He understands there are different types of property, but when talking about property in something as big as this flood mitigation and the council has information that is being kept away from our citizens. Can we change that? Attorney Phillips responded that the constitution can be changed by going to the legislature. Acquisition of property by the City is considered confidential.

- (e) Consent Agenda
  - a. Regular Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2022
  - b. Work Session Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2022
  - c. Bills and Claims

POSTMASTER 5000,ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 15804.79,CITY SERVICE VALCON 29108.74,CENTRAL BANK & TRUST 746.75,NAPA AUTO PARTS - LANDER 807.99,FREMONT ELECTRIC 3775,ESO SOLUTIONS 1550,Terminix of Wyoming 550,Inberg-Miller Engineers 14762,SIMPLYFILE 20.25,SIMPLYFILE 23.25,SIMPLYFILE 23.25,BONNEVILLE BUILDERS 11119.88,CENTRAL WYOMING CLIMBERS ALLIANCE 883.07,CENTURY LINK 707.14,DOWL

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2826.25, DRUG TESTING SERVICES LLC 360, DYTA CONSULTING 7050, HACH COMPANY 150.09, FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER WY 630.01, KLEEN PIPE LLC 6937.36, HOMETOWN OIL 938.87, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC 306, FLEX SHARE BENEFITS 217.7, FREMONT CO SOLID WASTE DISPOS 84.6, LAWSON PRODUCTS 84.59, KIDDY UP 261.75, L N CURTIS & SONS 3778, HEIN BOND ARCHITECTS 22546.69, GROATHOUSE CONSTRUCTION 446842, HDR ENGINEERING INC 14012.02, LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES 1686, OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY 155, LOZIER TERESA 950, MASA 160, MES ROCKY MOUNTAINS 67, ONE STOP CARWASH 21.06, PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE INC 14250, REVIZE LLC 1800, RIVERTON TIRE & OIL CO 35.8, ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRE-MIX 240, SHIELDS CLEANING 3345.83, STANLEY STEAMERS 950, SPROUTS GREENHOUSE 5800, STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP 29991.96, SWEETWATER AIRE 2519.02, VISIONARY BROADBAND 105.35, WESTERN LAW ASSOCIATES 2741.25, WSFA - MUTUAL AID 1360, WHITING LAW PC 550, WORKWISE 202, WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 675, WYDOT - FINANCIAL SERVICES 6439.1, ADAM E PHILLIPS ATTORNEY AT LAW 4460, AFA BLACKHAWK SECURITY INC 282, ANAM CARA CAREGIVING 1630, API SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS 282, AUTO MEDIC LLC 51876.23, B & T FIRE EXTINGUISHERS 54, BADGER METER INC 322.3, MISC ONE TIME VENDOR 120, MISC ONE TIME VENDOR 140, WYDOT 4, FREMONT COUNTY TREASURER 35054.83, LANDER MEDICAL CLINIC 192, CLARKS LANDSCAPING 6650, WESTERN PRINTING CO. 87.82, PREMIER VEHICLE INSTALLATION INC 34614, FREMONT MOTOR COMPANY 554.58, CASPER STAR TRIBUNE 1107.4, INQUIREHIRE 390, BILL JONES PLUMBING & HEAT 1990.42, "CREATIVE ENERGIES, LLC" 78012, CITY OF RIVERTON 270, LEDA 2455.46, NORCO INC 223.11, WYOMING FIRE CHIEFS ASSN. 130, ALSCO 389.51, ONE CALL OF WYOMING 133.25, MASTERCARD 45442.29, BLACK HILLS ENERGY 4643.89, FREMONT MOTOR COMPANY 85480, MASTERCARD 44440.04, CENTRAL BANK & TRUST 888.94, FAGNANT LEWIS & BRINDA P.C. 723.47, FLEX SHARE BENEFITS 217.7, LANDER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER 7430.6, NAPA AUTO PARTS - LANDER 440.19, "BACKCOUNTRY COBBLERS, LLC" 16645

MOTION: Council Member Larsen moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Council Member White made second. Council Member White stated there was a typographical error in the minutes stating that the optional one percent for the roads was 13 million dollars. That is inaccurate but has been amended in the drop box document. Motion passed unanimously.

(f) Resolutions

a. Resolution 1242 – Appropriations

MOTION: Council Member Stuble moved to approve. Council Member Hulme made second. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 1243 – Amending job descriptions for Airport and Fire Hall facilities manager, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer & City Clerk/Human Resource Director

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

c. Resolution 1244 – Amending Salary Structure

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

d. Resolution 1245 - Exempting portion of Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> from open container

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

e. Resolution 1246 – Authorizing Open Container for July 4, 2022

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

f. Resolution 1247 – Amending Compensation for Firemen

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

g. Resolution 1248 – Amending Fees and Utility Rates for water service

MOTION: Council Member Hahn moved to approve. Council Member White made second.

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Motion passed unanimously.

h. Resolution 1249 – Amending Fee Schedule for 2022

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

(g) New Business

- (a) Ratify Mayor's signature for WBC grant agreement for Table Mountain Living Community infrastructure in the amount of \$889,105

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

- (b) Authorize Mayor to sign one Airport Hangar Leases with Jeff Leafgreen for space 603

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

- (c) Authorize Mayor to sign Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement

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

- (d) Approve LEDA recommendations from LIFT committee to award projects from the one-half cent sales tax for 2nd Quarter 2022 in the amount of \$ 139,135.00.

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

- (e) Appoint Krista Lobera to Wind River Visitors Council for a 3-year term.

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

- (f) Approve CS 22.01 County Subdivision, Frank Estates

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

- (g) Approve S 22.04 Minor plat, 506 Sweetwater

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

- (h) Authorize Mayor to sign the Taxiway A Construction agreement with Century Companies Inc. for \$2,999,756.00

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

- (i) Authorize the Notice to Proceed for Century Companies, Inc for the Taxiway A project.

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

- (j) Authorize Mayor's signature on WWC Engineering Professional Services Agreement for Lander Wells Project.

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

(h) Executive Session – Litigation

MOTION: Council Member White moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Council Member Larsen made second. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to return to Regular meeting. Council Member Stuble made second. Motion passed unanimously.

(i) Adjournment

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7: 56 p.m.

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ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monte Richardson, Mayor

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Rachelle Fontaine, Human Resource Director

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