

**CITY OF LANDER SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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Governing Body Present: Mayor Monte Richardson, Council Members John Larsen, Missy White, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, Dan Hahn and Council Member elect Josh Hahn.

Governing Body Absent: None.

City Staff Present: City Clerk/Human Resources Director Rachelle Fontaine, City Treasurer Charri Lara (via Zoom), Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Attorney Adam Phillips, Lander Chief of Police, Scott Peters, Public Works Director/City Engineer Lance Hopkin.

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda-

MOTION: Council Member White moved approve the agenda with the correction of a typographical error in New Business A. Golf Course term of lease should be through 2024 not 2023. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Oral Comments

A. Mayor and Council Updates

Council Member Larsen- Discussion concerning snow removal and public comments concerning snow removal.

Council Member Dan Hahn- Added to the snow removal discussion.

Council Member Stuble- Stated the Council has a responsibility to consider resources and staff for things such as snow removal. Discussion concerning diversity on the council. Looking forward to working with new Council Member Josh Hahn.

Council Member Cox- Would like to try and be solution focused on situations like this and collaborate with other agencies, such as schools.

Council Member White- The Senior Center meets next Tuesday. It is good to see neighbors helping one another during this snowstorm. Further snowplow discussion and reminding people it may be a slow process with this much snow.

Mayor Richardson- Requested patience in snow removal as the city has lots of road to cover. There were water line breaks over the holidays and employees gave up their holidays to fix them.

B. Staff Discussion Items

Lander Police Chief Scott Peters- Made it through holiday without anything major.

Public Works Director Lance Hopkin- Discussion concerning snow removal and School input. Our new blower is in Casper with no unnecessary travel. The old blower had to be rewired and is only working one way. The city has calls into contractors to help. Artery is helping us clean up intersections. Discussion with council about snow removal, staffing choices, street parking and potential solutions.

Assistant Mayor RaJean Stube Fossen- She anticipates a resolution for an ARPA health and human services grant on the next agenda to fund the Table Mountain Living Community.

City Treasurer Charri Lara- The budget schedule is in you packet. It is time to start this process.

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine- Official Depository approval is later in the agenda. Please complete the Financial and Disclosure forms on your desk as part of the record.

4. Consent Agenda Items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilor requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered on the Regular Agenda.

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2022

B. Special Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2022

C. Special Work Session Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2022

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Larsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Administer Oath of Office to new City Council Member Josh Hahn- Administered by City Attorney Adam Phillips

6. Swear in new Lander Volunteer Fire Department Chief Eric Siwik- Administered by City Attorney Adam Phillips

7. Accept and approve Mayor's recommendation for Appointed Positions as follows: City Treasurer Charri Lara, Lander Police Chief Scott Peters, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Engineer and Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube

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Fossen, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine, and Municipal Judge Teresa McKee.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to accept and approve the mayor's recommendation for Appointed Positions as follows: City Treasurer Charri Lara Lander Police Chief Scott Peters City Attorney Adam Phillips City Engineer and Public Works Director Lance Hopkin Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine Municipal Judge Teresa McKee Council Member Stuble seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously .

8. Resolutions

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 1275 Accepting a Deed and the Operation and Maintenance of Tweed Lane Within the City Limits of Lander

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to approve Resolution 1275 Accepting a Deed and the Operation and Maintenance of Tweed Lane Within the City Limits of Lander. Council Member Larsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. RESOLUTION 1276 Authorizing Submission of a Local Government Project ARPA Grants Application to the State Loan and Investment Board on Behalf of the Governing Body for the City of Lander for the Purpose of 2023 Headworks Structure for Sewer Lagoons

MOTION: Council Member Stuble moved to approve Resolution 1276 Authorizing Submission of a Local Government Project ARPA Grants Application to the State Loan and Investment Board on Behalf of the Governing Body for the City of Lander for the Purpose of 2023 Headworks Structure for Sewer Lagoons. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. RESOLUTION 1277 Authorizing Submission of a Local Government Project ARPA Grants Application to the State Loan and Investment Board on Behalf of the Governing Body for the City of Lander for the Purpose of the repair and replacement of Lincoln & 5th Streets

MOTION: Council Member White moved to approve 1277 Authorizing Submission of a Local Government Project ARPA Grants Application to the State Loan and Investment Board on Behalf of the Governing Body for the City of Lander for the Purpose of the repair and replacement of Lincoln & 5th Streets. Council Member Josh Hahn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business

- A. Authorize the Mayor to sign Golf Course Lease extension extending the term through 2/21/2024

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to authorize the mayor to sign Golf Course Lease extension extending the term through 2/21/2024. Council Member White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion on City Council Liaison Appointments. Discussion concerning time commitments for various positions. Council Members were encouraged to ask questions and be prepared next Tuesday for liaison appointments. Nominations for City Council President were presented. Council Member Stuble nominated Council Member Cox for Council President. Council Member Larsen nominated Council Member White for Council President. Mayor Richardson asked three times for any other nominations. There were no further nominations. Council Members Cox and White accepted the nominations. Mayor Richardson closed nominations.

- C. Appoint Lander Journal as City of Lander's Official Newspaper.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to appoint Lander Journal as City of Lander's Official Newspaper. Council Member White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Appoint Official Depositories for the City of Lander as Wells Fargo, Central Bank and Trust, First Interstate Bank, Wyoming Community Bank, Bank of the West, and US Bank.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to Appoint Official Depositories for the City of Lander Wells Fargo, Central Bank and Trust, First Interstate Bank, Wyoming Community Bank, Bank of the West, and US Bank. Council Member Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Executive Session- Litigation and Personnel.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to enter executive session at 6:54 p.m. Council

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Member Larsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member White moved to exit the executive session at 7:15 p.m. Council Member Stuble seconded. Motion passed unanimously.


11. Adjournment of Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Larsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: 
Monte Richardson, Mayor


Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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