



# CITY OF LANDER - CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:15 PM  
City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street

## MINUTES

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### 1. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES

Councilmember White provided an update on local events and Riverton air service. Kevin Kershisnik will speak at Lander Rotary during lunch on July 26, on the economic development tax benefit to Fremont County and Lander.

Councilmember D Hahn announced the Lander Volunteer Fire Department is 120 years old this month.

Council President Cox stated that LEDA will present information and recommendations to the Council on August 8<sup>th</sup>. She provided an update on FCSD#1's work on a potential drug testing policy. She asked the Council to consider what should be allowed in Lander and what the City can do to help reduce youth drug and alcohol access in the community and support the school district's efforts.

Councilmember Stuble attended a conservation district meeting focusing on problem solving E.coli in the river and a workshop concerning climate changes, hazards, and flooding. She reported that the International Climber's Festival is thirty years old, and this year's event had a record-breaking number of tickets. Lastly, she clarified that statements issued by Anne Even from the City come from the Mayor's office and not the Councilmembers.

Councilmember J Hahn commented he has spoken with a lot of people in favor of developing a charge for the park.

Mayor Ricardson commented that the third annual Pig Roast, raising awareness for mental health and suicide, went well. Fremont County has the highest rate of suicide in Wyoming, and Wyoming has the highest rate of suicide rate per capita. He thanked everyone for their help, including the VFW, the Army National Guard, the Department of Health, Representative Salazar, Mayors Oler and Hancock, and the community.

### 3. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Peters commented that calls are up, but always spike in July and for the year calls are still at a normal level. Several burglaries have recently been solved. The department is concentrating on enforcing curfew. The department has a new saliva drug test for enforcing driving under the influence and they have ordered a scanner to test drugs so officers are not required to touch the substances, which may be dangerous. He reported that fourteen employees are using the golf membership. Lastly, he commented that electric motorcycles may need to be addressed.

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen provided the Council an invitation sample for the August 9th Open House. It will be at City Hall in Council Chambers and four agency guests and city staff will be available to answer questions.

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine informed the Council that there will be two resolutions for open containers at the next voting session and encouraged all public officers to attend the required Public Officer Training on August 23, 2023.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

#### A. Presentation By Ami Vincent LOR Foundation Update

Amy Vincent LOR Foundation Community Officer addressed the Council and provided an update on their projects and activities. LOR has funded 45 projects since January and placed \$344,000 in the community. The awardees included nine non-profits and everyday people. The LOR Foundation has awarded funding for numerous projects including the Pig Roast, First Friday for Teens, mobile soup kitchen, metal 3D printer, Fremont Counseling's Drop in Center, Tree Line

Project, Pipe and Drum Band, Senior Center Solar Panels, Dirt Bike Park, Pickle Ball group and more. LOR has been in Lander for three years and will be here for two more before moving to another rural community.

B. City Park Camping Fee/Donation Discussion

Staff and Council discussed the topic of charging for camping in the Lander City Park on Fremont Street. Currently camping is free. Discussion included a dialogue on the cost of updating or providing infrastructure and staff, promoting a volunteer payment system with more visibility, signs and direction on how to donate. A discussion ensued about defining the council's goals. Is the goal to generate revenue, to better manage the existing camping and/ or to increase donations? Councilmember J Hahn commented on the Boysen State Park, Louis Lake and Sinks Canyon State Park fee schedules. Discussion about short and long term goals, but moving forward and not kick the can down the road. Attorney Phillips will investigate the legal implications, the City Clerk will check on the tax implications and this information will be available for further discussion at the next work session.

C. Discussion concerning proposed Resolution 1297 Authorizing Submission of An Application to The State Loan and Investment Board for A Loan Through the State Revolving Fund on Behalf of The Governing Body for The City of Lander

City Treasurer Charri Lara explained the resolution is required for the loan package the city is putting together for SLIB. One loan for several projects with a 2.5% interest rate will result in a 7.5 million savings in interest on these projects. The City will continue to be eligible for grants and debt forgiveness. The projects will be phased over a number of years for management and contractor availability.

D. Discussion concerning proposed Resolution 1298 Amending Salary Structure

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine explained this updates the city's salary structure to align with the 8.7% cost of living adjustments and adds the Parks Maintenance Foreman position previously approved and adopted in 2021 but left off the salary grade matrix.

The Work Session meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monte Richardson,  
City of Lander Mayor

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Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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