

	CITY OF LANDER		
	REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING		
	Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn (arrived at 6:49 PM), Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, and Mayor White. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Interim Police Chief Kelly Waugh (via Zoom), Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor Rajean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion made by Councilmember Cox and seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble. (Council Member J Hahn not yet present) Motion passed.
3. **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)**

A. Administer Oath of Office and Swear In Chad Cassady as Ward 2 Council Member to fill the remainder of the term

Civil City Attorney Adam Phillips administered the Oath of Office and swore in Chad Cassady as a City of Lander Ward 2 Council Member to fill the remainder of the term.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING Utility Rate Increase**

A. Mayor White opened the hearing at 6:04 P.M.

B. Introduced and read

City Treasurer Charri Lara provided an overview of the proposed increases. The original project costs were estimated at \$45 million, but upon review, the costs increased to \$89 million, reflecting a 47% increase in most projects. The initial water and wastewater rate study calculated a 7% increase to cover the projected costs. However, due to the higher-than-expected costs, the rate was revised to 9% to ensure adequate funds for loan payments. The proposal is to maintain a 9% rate increase for the next 5 years to ensure the ability to afford loan repayments. There is a possibility that additional funding may be required to complete all projects, as current funds may be insufficient. A future visit to SLIB may be necessary to secure more funding if needed. Council Member Stuble commented that although not comfortable the rate increase is crucial for funding capital improvements that will benefit a wide range of users in Lander. It will directly address aging water mains, with an average age of 30 to 40 years, by allocating funds to upgrade infrastructure. A relief program is in place to support residents in lower-income categories who may find the rate increase challenging. There will be continued promotion of this program to encourage participation. The rate increase is consumption-based, meaning that residents can manage their costs by reducing water usage, which provides flexibility for those who can adjust their consumption. The rate increase will improve the town’s ability to demonstrate financial responsibility when applying for state loans and grants. By implementing this rate increase and showing that the town is actively contributing to its infrastructure, Lander will be in a better position to secure state assistance, as it will be seen as a town that is paying its way rather than relying solely on outside help. Mayor White commented no one wants rate increases, but infrastructure improvements were the highest priority request from both residents and the Master Plan. She acknowledged staff for their efforts in securing grant funds to defray the costs of a new water tank and water meter replacements.

Council Member Cox expressed concerns about the significant cost jump from \$45 million to \$89 million and its impact on the community, as well as the sustainability of repeated rate increases and the potential burden of future funding requests on the community. Public Works Director Hopkin commented that maintaining and replacing infrastructure is compared to budgeting for household expenses—when things age or break, they must be paid for, even if it’s difficult. With limited external funding, the burden falls on local entities to maintain infrastructure. There’s no “magic pot of money,” making rate adjustments and long-term financial planning essential.

Council Member D Hahn echoed Cox's comments and concerns. He noted Lander residents feel misled, as the original plan communicated an annual 7% increase for 8 years, potentially decreasing afterward. Now, the shift to a 9% increase for 5 years—only a year and a half into the original plan—has caused frustration. Concerns were raised about the potential for rates to keep climbing without a clear cap, stressing community members who are already struggling with bills. A key question posed was whether a threshold or limit is being considered to prevent overwhelming residents financially and to address growing concerns about affordability.

Council Member Larsen commented that the feedback from some residents indicates they don't feel misled or deceived; rather, they understand the broader economic challenges impacting costs. Those citizens acknowledged that the Lander City Council has limited influence over national and global economic factors that affect infrastructure costs. While residents may not be happy about the rate increases, there is a general sense of acceptance—they recognize the need and are prepared to manage as best they can, for as long as they can.

C. Public comment

Nikki Baker, co-owner of Wyo Water, expressed concerns about how the 9% rate increase affects rural customers who purchase and haul water but do not receive city wastewater services. She questioned whether the same increase applies fairly to those customers. It was clarified that water and sewer rates are billed separately. Rural customers only see the 9% increase on water, not on sewer, unlike in-town customers who receive separate 9% increases for both water and sewer. Nikki shared that, as a new business, Wyo Water has already had to raise its prices two years in a row due to increasing costs, and further rate hikes could be challenging to absorb and pass on to customers. She suggested exploring new revenue opportunities such as charging for camping at City Park, the trailer dump site, and water usage at city facilities, noting that many out-of-town users currently access these services for free. City staff noted that while rural customers don't use the piped wastewater system, many of them eventually contribute to the city's wastewater facilities through septic pumping services, offering an indirect connection to city-managed infrastructure.

Karen Wetzel expressed concern about the significant jump in project costs from the original estimate. She suggested exploring budget cuts instead of passing additional costs to citizens. She lives on Social Security and uses significantly less water than her allotted amount, but still pays a flat rate, making the increase feel unfair and financially burdensome.

Wade Alexander questioned whether the 9% rate increase would apply across the board to all commercial properties, even those with minimal or no water usage. He noted paying for a building he rarely uses and suggested a need for more flexible billing based on actual usage. He acknowledged the necessity of raising rates to fund critical infrastructure projects, describing the current increases as minimal compared to what others might experience in different cities.

There was discussion about revisiting the flat-rate structure (currently 4,000 gallons per month), with suggestions that charging based strictly on actual gallons used might be more equitable, especially for low-usage customers. The city is moving toward more accurate daily water metering, which will allow customers to track usage in real-time and potentially reduce bills through conservation. These changes may support future billing model revisions. Staff explained that infrastructure costs remain high due to materials like plastic, valves, and asphalt, and while competition may help reduce project bids, prices overall remain elevated.

City staff indicated they are open to considering different rate structures (e.g., based on meter size, usage tiering, or customer class) but emphasized that all models must ultimately generate enough revenue to fund the required improvements. Council members reiterated that addressing Lander's aging infrastructure will be a long-term, expensive process, regardless of short-term cost fluctuations.

D. Mayor White closed the hearing at 6:35 P.M.

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

A. Public Comment

Charles Woolwine addresses the Council about his concerns regarding the Brewfest as well as his advocacy for a safe haven for unborn children and his views concerning abortion.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES

Council Member Stuble welcomed Council Member Cassady. She commented that the Council will review and shuffle council committee assignments around July to integrate Council Member Cassady. She provided liaison updates for the Energy and Environment Task Force and Urban Systems. She further encouraged the council to contact Kara Kolovich (Energy & Environment) about the Rocky Mountain Power proposal before the next work session.

Council Member Cox provided updates on LEDA, the Golf Course, the Lander Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Service Block Grant. Brewfest is coming in June, and it will feature food trucks and live music in City Park.

Council Member Dan Hahn provided an update on LOTRA and the 4th of July planning.

Council Member Cassady is grateful for the warm welcome and looks forward to working with the Council.

Council Member Larsen updated the Council on the Senior Center, the Popo Conservation District, the Fremont County Solid Waste District, and City Planning and Zoning.

Mayor White noted that the Wyoming Outdoor Weekend is Friday–Saturday, with school groups, vendors, and the Shop Local raffle. She attended the Federal Funding Summit in Riverton and the Outdoor Recreation Conference. The Semi-quincentennial Committee will be county-level, not city-led. She discussed the WAM Membership dues topic. WAM provides services like training, making the membership worthwhile. Air Service had over 2,000 April enplanements—a record. Lastly, City staff are monitoring flood conditions due to the volatile weather season.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Lance Hopkin provided an update on the construction season. Lincoln Street has started. McFarlane and Bishop Randall are moving forward. The Tank and Pump Station job is getting to substantial completion, and the tank is in operation. The City is looking at grant opportunities and Urban System grants (Cascade) for Phase Two of the sidewalk project.

City Treasurer Charri Lara commented that the money Council Member Cox previously referred to is economic development money from the Maven project. A portion of that payment goes to the State, and then a portion gets retained by the city, which in turn goes to LEDA. Currently, the city owes LEDA \$9,076. SLIB will be here tomorrow looking at ARPA projects. She provided the complete budget packet in the council folder. Everything that was changed is highlighted in yellow. Unless the council makes any changes to that, that's the one that she will read in and approve at the June meeting.

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine is working with the interview team towards a replacement for Charri's position. Seasonal positions are almost all full. She reminded the Council that there is a Special Meeting next Tuesday. There will be a voting session before the work session on May 27th to award the property insurance bid.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve April 8, 2025, City Council Regular Minutes
- B. Approve April 15, 2025, City Council Special Regular Minutes
- C. Approve April 22, 2025, City Council Special Regular Minutes
- D. Approve April 22, 2025, City Council Work Session Minutes
- E. Approve Bills and Claims

BLACK HILLS ENERGY GAS 10097.58, COMMUNITY CENTER REFUNDS 2615, WATER REFUNDS WATER REFUNDS 134.29, WATER REFUNDS WATER REFUNDS 40.88, ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER ELECTRICITY 20469.59, CENTRAL BANK & TRUST FILING FEES 418.45, MASTERCARD TRAVEL 10.75, MISC ONE TIME VENDOR MAYORS ADMINISTRATION 2000, ALEXANDER EXCAVATION PROJECT COST - ASSISTED LIVING 23619.12, WYOMING SECRETARY OF STATE MAYORS ADMINISTRATION 25, BLACK HILLS ENERGY GAS 7363.28, MASTERCARD: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 75, TRAVEL 10.98, SHOP SUPPLIES 5.98, SUPPLIES 69.11, TRASH COLLECTION 2292.07, BUILDING MAINTENANCE 46.78, BUILDING MAINTENANCE 575, SUPPLIES 27.99, SUPPLIES 98.3, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 250.84, WW LAB/TESTING 345, SUPPLIES 8.99, HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES 48.78, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE 85.49, WATER SAMPLES TESTING 15, TELEPHONE & INTERNET 1827.09, PROFESSIONALS 249, SUPPLIES 312.44, MAINTENANCE 277.16, SUPPLIES 152.83, SUPPLIES 256.99, SUPPLIES 89.94, BUILDING MAINTENANCE 915.32, VEHICLE REPAIR 56.29, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 190, SUPPLIES 16.44, SUPPLIES 49.98, SUPPLIES 391.73, VEHICLE REPAIR -29.61, SUPPLIES 479.99, SUPPLIES 25, SUPPLIES 453.6, WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 735.64, MAINTENANCE 2496, OFFICE EQUIP SUPPLIES & MAINT 69.67, SUPPLIES 491.64, DUES-CONFERENCE & TRAVEL 75,

SUPPLIES/TOOLS & EQUIP 102.86, SUPPLIES 20.94, SUPPLIES 882.99, BUILDING MAINTENANCE 146.48, OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 49.99, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE 49.99, SUPPLIES 45.72, SUPPLIES/TOOLS & EQUIP 47.96, ADVERTISING 1491.25, TRAVEL 75, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE 64.71, VEHICLE REPAIR 120.32, SUPPLIES 75, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 156.14, SUPPLIES 219.6, VEHICLE REPAIR 34.36, FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 13.3, SUPPLIES 80, VEHICLE REPAIR 299.53, SUPPLIES/TOOLS & EQUIP 128.33, HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES 189.1, TELEPHONE & INTERNET 939.95, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 40.49, WATER SAMPLES TESTING 75, SUPPLIES 32.36, TELEPHONE & INTERNET 1655.5, SUPPLIES 115, NEW ASSETS 3041.5, FUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT -867.99, MAIN STREET REPAIR 224.13, VEHICLE REPAIR 197.72, SUPPLIES 231.42, OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 180.75, VEHICLE REPAIR 262.35, SUPPLIES 141.04, TRAVEL 190.99, TRAVEL 238, BUILDING MAINTENANCE 94.07, TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 299.32, SUPPLIES 14.95, HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES 212.3, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE 12, SUPPLIES 161.44, VEHICLE REPAIR 199.44, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 1475.49, VEHICLE REPAIR 175.2, TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 66.74, TOOLS & SHOP SUPPLIES 24.29, SUPPLIES 68.51, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE 84.76, SUPPLIES/TOOLS & EQUIP 104.98, TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 484.62, SUPPLIES 349, DUES 200, TRAINING 145.9, SUPPLIES 20, SUPPLIES 15, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 153.29, VEHICLE REPAIR 22.97, VEHICLE REPAIR -4.19, SUPPLIES 248.99, SUPPLIES 150, BUILDING MAINTENANCE 16.18, SUPPLIES/TOOLS & EQUIP 32.95, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 23, SUPPLIES 473.23, PROF. & TECHNICAL SERVICE 12.45, VEHICLE REPAIR 21.56, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 19.96, TUITION & REGISTRATION 299.99, WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 341.79, TELEPHONE & INTERNET 899, PROF AND CONSULTING 23.99, SUPPLIES 24.99, TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 766.7, SUPPLIES 17.46, SUPPLIES 242.76, SUPPLIES 40, OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 49.84, PROF. & TECHNICAL SERVICE 18.67, SUPPLIES -57.92, SUPPLIES 5.03, VEHICLE REPAIR 36.94, SUPPLIES 227.05, TELEPHONE 1039.91, WATER REFUNDS WATER REFUNDS 118.24, WATER REFUNDS WATER REFUNDS 131.07, WATER REFUNDS WATER REFUNDS 66.99, MISC ONE TIME VENDOR INVESTIGATIVE FUNDS 130, WIND RIVER CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS 5175.71 CONSTRUCTION CO OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 2916, ADAM E PHILLIPS ATTORNEY AT LAW GENERAL ATTORNEY 5000, ALSCO LINENS 350.3, ALSCO SUPPLIES 37.17, ALSCO SUPPLIES 2, ALSCO SUPPLIES 64.2, ALSCO SUPPLIES 36.05, ALSCO SUPPLIES 36, ARDURRA GROUP INC TAXIWAY 1291.25, ARDURRA GROUP INC PROF AND CONSULTING 2623.75, ARDURRA GROUP INC JEFFERSON STREET REHAB 2267.5, ARDURRA GROUP INC TAXIWAY 14075.28, AYRES ASSOCIATES INC PROF AND CONSULTING 7016.8, AYRES ASSOCIATES INC PROF AND CONSULTING 1419.4, B & T FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE 64, BADGER METER INC METER REPLACEMENT 326.5, BARGREEN/ELLINGSON TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 169.19, BARGREEN/ELLINGSON SUPPLIES 645, BARGREEN/ELLINGSON COMMUNITY PROGRAMS 27787.8, BOYLE ELECTRIC TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2267.52, BOYLE ELECTRIC WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 60, BSN SPORTS TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE -119.04, BSN SPORTS TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 2625.19, CEMETERY DITCH CO DUES 1692, CERENTO OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 801.52, CITY OF RIVERTON AIR TRANSPORTATION 39941.5, CITY PLUMBING & HEATING NEW ASSETS 406.3, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES PROF AND CONSULTING 330, COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE SUPPLIES 145.83, CROELL INC OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS -3117.7, CROELL INC OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 58.23, CROELL INC OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 4703.56, DOWL PROFESSIONAL FEES 695.4, DRUG TESTING SERVICES LLC EMPLOYEE SCREENING 395, ENDRESS & HAUSER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 1100.95, ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES PROF AND CONSULTING 4278.16, FAIRFIELD TREE AND LAWN CARE MISC OTHER 4250, FAIRFIELD TREE AND LAWN CARE COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE 5700, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 655.76, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 3614.3, FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 3269, FREMONT CO SOLID WASTE DISPOS TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 70.6, FREMONT CO SOLID WASTE DISPOS TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 225.4, FREMONT CO SOLID WASTE DISPOS TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE -118.8, FREMONT COUNTY ASSN OF GOV GROUND TRANSPORTATION 19970.75, FREMONT COUNTY TREASURER DISPATCH CONTRACT 18195.05, FREMONT COUNTY TREASURER PRISONER CARE 990, FREMONT MOTOR COMPANY VEHICLE REPAIR 72.73, FREMONT MOTOR COMPANY VEHICLE REPAIR 4400, FREMONT MOTOR COMPANY VEHICLE REPAIR 76.2, FRONTIER PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE 925, HACH COMPANY TREATMENT PLANT LAB EQUIPMENT 1247.96, HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY VEHICLE REPAIR 303, HDR ENGINEERING INC PROF AND CONSULTING 5776.25, HIGH COUNTRY CONSTRUCTION STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT 527718.21, HOMETOWN OIL VEHICLE REPAIR 699, HOMETOWN OIL FUEL -18.54, JIRDON AGRICHEMICALS TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 4674, L N CURTIS & SONS SUPPLIES 1699.5, LANDER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY PROGRAMS 1250, LANDER FREE MEDICAL ECONOMIC DEVELP PROJECTS 2841.96, LANDER GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE PROGRAM REGISTRATION 625.65, LANDER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER BUILDING MAINTENANCE 1148.26, LANDER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER NEW ASSETS 42930.91, LARA CHARRI TRAVEL 198.52, MASA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT 228, METRON FARNIER METER REPLACEMENT 267995.62, MITCHELL 1 VEHICLE REPAIR 5448, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC NEW ASSETS 473.04, NALCO COMPANY CHEMICAL FEED SUPPLIES 4197.61, NEVADA TAP MASTER INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 22845.16, OFFICE OF STATE LANDS & INVEST DWSRF LOAN #128 -WATER 100000, "OFFICE SHOP, INC." NEW ASSETS 3100, "OFFICE SHOP, INC." SUPPLIES 48.61, ONE CALL OF WYOMING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 50.2, ONE CALL OF WYOMING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 89.25, ONE CALL OF WYOMING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 44.25, ONE CALL OF WYOMING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 54.6, PATRICK CONSTRUCTION INC MCFARLANE DRIVE 167242.95, PHOENIX ENERGY CORP BUILDING MAINTENANCE 576.24, PRECISION DIRT TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 800, PREMIER VEHICLE INSTALLATION INC VEHICLE REPAIR 119.3, RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER TUITION & REGISTRATION 404, REWORX PROF. & TECHNICAL SERVICE 4260, RIVER OAKS COMMUNICATIONS CORP PROF AND CONSULTING 1410.75, RIVERTON TIRE & OIL CO TIRES 324, SAFETY SUPPLY & SIGN COMPANY OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 1905.72, SHERWIN WILLIAMS OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 1891.58, SLOW FOOD WIND RIVER DBA MEADOWLARK MARKET ECONOMIC DEVELP PROJECTS 3955, STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP FARTHING SLIP PROJECT 38220.25, STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP PROF AND CONSULTING 2428.75, STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP METER REPLACEMENT 942.5, STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP MCFARLANE DRIVE 14668.75, STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP FIFTH STREET PROJECT 1151.25, STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP INFRASTRUCTURE (WATER/SEWER) 646.25, "SUMMIT WEST CPA GROUP, P.C." PROF FEES COMPUTER 4500, "SUMMIT WEST CPA GROUP, P.C." PROF FEES COMPUTER 1050, SWEETWATER AIRE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 343.84, TEAM LABORATORY CHEM LLC WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 2798, THATCHER COMPANY CHEMICAL FEED SUPPLIES 18495.36, THATCHER COMPANY CHLORINE 9261.35, THATCHER COMPANY

CHEMICAL FEED SUPPLIES 11769.73,T-MOBILE USA INC INVESTIGATIVE FUNDS 50,USA BLUE BOOK OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 161.65,WALLER TECIA COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE 4400,WESTERN LAW ASSOCIATES PROSECUTING ATTORNEY 2765,WHITING LAW PC GENERAL ATTORNEY 275,WILLIAM H SMITH & ASSOC BALDWIN CREEK/9TH 877.5,WILLIAM H SMITH & ASSOC LINCOLN ST PROJECT 7227.5,WIND RIVER OUTDOOR CO SUPPLIES 85.5,WWC ENGINEERING PROJECT COST - WELLS AT WTP 3573.75,WYDOT - FINANCIAL SERVICES FUEL 6842.72,WYDOT - FINANCIAL SERVICES FUEL 7089.37,WYOGLOSS LLC VEHICLE REPAIR 135,WYOMING MACHINERY CO. VEHICLE REPAIR 19.78,WYOMING MACHINERY CO. VEHICLE REPAIR 79.65,WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM VOLUNTEER FIRE PENSION FUND 637.5,WYOMING SIGNS LLC MAIN STREET REPAIR 15629.23 WYOMING TAXPAYERS ASSN. 195-, Parttime wages: City Hall 546, Municipal Court 623.70, Police 1,496 AFLAC 467.29, CSSW 1,554.50, Colonial 232.55, Payroll Taxes 94,626.66, Def Comp 7, 115, Flexshare 1,191.67, Trustmark 379.66, WEBT 81,331.10, Workers Compensation 5,204.07, WRS 61,771.86.

Motion made by Council Member Larsen and seconded by Council Member Stuble.

Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 2025-4 Fixing and Determining the Mill Levy Necessary to be Levied to Raise Sufficient Money by General Tax to Meet the Current Expenses of the City of Lander for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2025.

Motion made by Council Member Larsen and seconded by Council Member D Hahn.

Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

10. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Read requested City of Lander Budget FY 2025 2026 into the minutes

Motion made by Council Member Stuble to have Treasurer Laure read in the Proposed City of Lander Budget FY 2025 2026, seconded by Council Member J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

City Treasurer read the requested City of Lander Budget FY 2025 2026 into the minutes:

GENERAL FUND \$ 8,232,382

ENTERPRISE FUND \$ 41,025,698

OPTIONAL TAX \$ 10,015,817

ECONOMIC DEVL TAX \$ 1,075,000

AIRPORT FUND \$ 1,908,528

CAPITAL PROJECTS \$ 200,000

SENIOR CENTER \$ 21,000

Council Member discussion ensued about the upcoming June budget approval. The proposed budget includes a \$56,000 reallocation to fund a cost-of-living increase for all staff, based on regional inflation data. This adjustment was strongly supported by some council members as necessary for staff retention and fairness. Despite a projected \$250,000 quarterly loss in property tax revenue due to voter-approved relief measures, the City of Lander is not in crisis. The budget reflects conservative projections and careful planning. Unlike some neighboring governments facing significant cutbacks, Lander has maintained stability through years of prudent budgeting, interdepartmental collaboration, and strategic reserve-building. Given the unpredictability of state funding and limited local revenue control, the city has built reserves and an equipment replacement fund to buffer against financial shocks without slashing services. Thanks were extended to city staff and council members for their stewardship. The current situation, though uncomfortable, is manageable—largely due to foresight and disciplined financial practices.

- B. Approve Resolution 1354 Declaring Certain City-Owned Property As Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale of the Same to the Highest Bidder

Motion made by Council member Cox and seconded by Council member Stuble.

Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Cassady. Motion passed.

- C. Approve Resolution 1355 Approving Industry Representative Support for the Annual Lander Brewfest Event on June 13th and 14th 2025, Pursuant to W.S. 12-5-402

Motion made by Council member Cox and seconded by Council member Stuble.

DISCUSSION: The Council reviewed Resolution 1355, which seeks approval for industry representatives (brewers and distillers) to provide alcohol at the upcoming Lander Brewfest on June 13–14, 2025, as required by Wyoming State Statute §12-5-402. The resolution was

formalized this year to make similar approvals easier to reference. There is pending confirmation from the State Liquor Division regarding whether all out-of-state vendors have submitted the necessary paperwork or have the required territorial assignments. In-state brewers are not subject to these territorial requirements, and no issues were noted with their participation. Interim Police Chief Waugh confirmed the event is typically well-run, with additional safety measures like foot patrol and DUI enforcement in place, supported by state funding. It was suggested that approval be granted contingent upon out-of-state participants obtaining the necessary state-level authorizations.

Council Member Stuble moved to amend Resolution 1355, Approving Industry Representative Support for the Annual Lander Brewfest Event on June 13th and 14th, 2025, Pursuant to W.S. 12-5-402, contingent on having the out-of-state suppliers obtain the necessary State authorizations prior to the event. Seconded by Council Member Cox. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve as amended: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

- D. Appoint Anne Even to the WRVC for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2027, and Reappoint Krista Lobera for a second 3-year term ending June 30, 2028

Motion made by Council Member Cox and seconded by Council Member J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

- E. Accept Pete Springer's resignation from the Tree Board

Motion made by Council Member Stuble and seconded by Council Member Cox. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

- F. Accept Statement of Work Quote Q-93744-1 and authorize the addition of the Recreation Management service to the Civic Plus Master Agreement in the initial amount of \$8,198.00 and \$3,620.00 per year thereafter.

Motion made by Council Member Larsen and seconded by Council Member Cox. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Cassady. Motion passed.

- G. Approve Attachment C- District 3 between the Wyoming State Forestry Division, Wyoming Military Department, USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, USDI Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Big Horn County, and Big Horn County Fire Districts: 1,2,3,4 and 5, Fremont County, Fremont County Fire District, Dubois Fire District, Jeffrey City Fire District, Riverton Fire District, City of Lander, Hot Springs County, Hot Springs County Fire District, Park County, Park County Fire Districts Joint Powers Board, Park County Fire Districts: 1,2,3, and 4, Washakie County, Worland Fire District #1, Ten Sleep Fire District, and Town of Ten Sleep for Interagency Cooperation.

Motion made by Council Member D Hahn and seconded by Council Member Cox. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Cassady. Motion passed.

- H. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Amendment to the Agreement For Professional Services Amendment #2 dated April 22, 2025, increasing the original scope of the Parks Master Plan Agreement for the sum of \$6,860.00.

Motion made by Council Member Cox and seconded by Council Member Stuble. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

- I. S 25.03 Approve Earl & Farlow Block 103, Lots 18-20 replat.

Motion made by Council Member D Hahn and seconded by Council Member Cox. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

- J. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the LOR Foundation grant for New Grills for Lander Public Parks in the amount of \$27,788.

Motion made by Council Member Larsen and seconded by Council Member Cox. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

- K. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Summit West CPA Group, P.C. engagement letter for 2024-2025 Audit Services.

Motion made by Council Member Cox and seconded by Council Member Stuble. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

- L. Appoint the City of Lander Official Voting Delegate and alternate to WAM's Summer Convention Business Meeting June 12, 2025

Motion made by Council Member Larsen and seconded by Council Member Cox.

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the convention and who is able to attend. The Council nominated Charri Lara as the official voting delegate and Rachelle Fontaine as the alternate voting delegate.

Council Member Stuble moved to amend the motion and appoint Treasurer Lara, as the City of Lander official voting delegate, and Clerk Fontaine as the alternate for the summer convention business meeting on June 12th, 2025. Seconded by Council Member Cox. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

Councilmembers Voting Yea on the motion as amended: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT** Motion made by Council Member Cox and seconded by Council Member J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Cassady. Motion passed.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Missy White,
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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