

	CITY OF LANDER		
	CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING		
	Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, and Missy White. COUNCILMEMEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Richardson. STAFF PRESENT: Chief Peters, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

Councilmember White presented updates on the Lander Art Center, Art in the Afternoon, the Senior Center, fundraising for the delinquent water account, and services for waterline insurance. She reminded citizens that not all waterline services have been vetted by the City of Lander.

Councilmember D Hahn presented information concerning carbon footprints. He commented that there is a dark side to renewable energy and the whole picture should be examined.

Councilmember Stuble presented an update from the Lander Art District and the Popo Conservation District meeting.

Councilmember J Hahn thanked Lance and the Streets department for getting on Main Street and picking up snow on the side streets.

Council President Cox commented on the agenda and snow removal, as well as providing an update on FCSD#1.

2. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Lance Hopkin provided an update and discussion on snow and snow removal. High-priority routes include Main Street, the hospital, and school routes. He explained the removal routine and procedure. Discussions ensued with Councilmembers concerning parking, snow removal, equipment failure, and new to the City equipment costs. The city is considering purchasing a used motor grader and a used dump truck.

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen provided an update concerning a Planning Commission appeal request and on recommended Title 4 changes.

City Treasurer Charri Lara commented that Service Line Warranty is the company the City has vetted for waterline insurance. She further stated that the vehicle replacement line item is well funded even after the potential purchase of the motor grader and dump truck.

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine inquired if the Council wanted to have a Work Session on December 26, 2023. Council discussion indicated they will not hold a Work Session in December.

3. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

A. Jake Lara presentation on Stacker and Airtable

Jake Lara, from ReWorx, presented an update on the change management, Stacker, and Airtable applications that have streamlined and automated the City processes. He explained the process of designing an application for each department including Current to Future State Analysis, Configuring the Application, integrations and Automation, Data Import, Beta Testing with Change Champions, Creating Supporting Materials, Strategic Rollouts and Go Live Activities, and Short and Long Term Support. He has completed twenty-three customs applications, 308 automation, and 559 processes. He presented a demonstration of the Building Department, Fire Inspections, and Code Enforcement.

B. Kevin Kershisnik presentation concerning the components of economic development

Kevin Kershisnik, secretary for the Wyoming Economic Development Association (WEDA), and Executive Director for IDEA, INC., addressed the Council concerning economic development. Discussion ensued concerning the definition of Economic Development, the Economic Building Blocks, which include New Business, Existing Business Development, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Education and Workforce Development, Infrastructure Development, Community and Quality of Life, and Leadership/Civic

Development, and the Role of Public Policy. Councilmember Stuble commented on the role of councilmembers in economic development.

- C. Discussion concerning proposed ordinances for staff bonding requirements and defining entertainment for purposes of Bar & Grill liquor licensing.

Clerk Fontaine addressed the Council concerning two ordinances that could be changed and updated. The materials included in the packet are not intended to be a complete draft, but rather a conversation starter. The first ordinance concerns bonds for employees with access to city funds. The current ordinance requires a bond for the Municipal Judge and the City Treasurer. This requirement could be expanded to all employees with access to City funds, such as the Clerk, the Deputy Treasurer, and the Utility Clerk. The second ordinance concerns the renewal of Bar and Grill liquor licenses. When Bar and Grills renew their liquor licenses, the Wyoming State Statute changed to allow a portion of their proceeds to be allocated to entertainment. Entertainment is defined in statute but cannot include adult entertainment or gambling. The definition of adult entertainment was left to the local licensing authority. She provided the Council with examples of how Sheridan, Cheyenne, and Douglas have defined Adult Entertainment as it pertains to this issue. Lastly, she noted that another change is proposed for section 2-2-6 Grounds for Suspension. She proposes changes to clarify the process and reasons for liquor license suspensions. She commented there is a current license that has a Sales Tax Hold and may come before the Council for a Suspension Hearing on December 12, 2023.

- D. Discussion concerning Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goals.

Councilmember Stuble led the discussion concerning the proposed greenhouse gas emissions goal resolution. She emphasized this goal is about cost savings for the City. It will also make the City more grant-competitive. Councilmember Larsen appreciates Councilmember D Hahn's comments concerning carbon footprints. He noted that grant competitiveness requires action on greenhouse gases. Councilmember J Hahn commented he did some research that wood smoke carbon emissions are higher than other things. Wildfires also contribute and he finds it hard in hard times to look at the big picture to spend money on things to get grants. Councilmember Stuble reminded everyone that the resolution is not committing the City to spending dollars. Councilmember Larsen said the projects proposed are not just to spend money but also to replace equipment that needs to be replaced. Council discussion ensued as to appropriate goals.

- E. Discussion concerning the Golf Course lease renewal.

Councilmember Larsen commented that the Golf Course is receiving a good deal. A discussion ensued between staff and the Council concerning the pros and cons of the City running a Golf Course versus leasing it out. Councilmember Stuble inquired about changes in this lease from previous leases. Public Works Director Lance Hopkin indicated he would provide a copy illustrating the changes at the next meeting.

- F. Jenna Ackerman LEDA presentation.

Jenna Ackerman was present representing LEDA. LEDA wanted to provide the Council advance notice that they will be recommending that LIFT awards be suspended for the next quarter in order to ensure that the awards meet the expectations of the applications and the community as a whole and have a more focused spending plan. The Council discussed economic development and the half-cent economic development funds award process. These funds are required to be spent by the time of the general election in 2024.

4. ADJOURNMENT Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By:

Monte Richardson
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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