

	CITY OF LANDER		
	REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING		
	Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richardson 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, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox (via Zoom), Missy White and Mayor Monte Richardson. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Chief Peters, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Deputy City Treasurer/Clerk Kevin Kulow, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember White moved to change item #8 B to Approve LEDA’s recommendations for LIFT program funding to approve LEDA recommendations individually rather than as a whole. Councilmember Stuble seconded. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR Public Comment

Kathleen Averill addressed the Council concerning the greenhouse gas emissions process and climate change. She argues that climate change is a scam and that increased carbon is necessary for plant growth and food sources. She also mentions the importance of carbon dioxide for all life on Earth and the role of methane and nitrous oxide in the nitrogen cycle.

Karen Wetzel also addressed the Council concerning the Greenhouse Gas Emissions process. She also mentions the importance of carbon dioxide for all life on Earth and the role of methane and nitrous oxide in the nitrogen cycle. She requested the City not pass a resolution supporting greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Joseph Quiroz expressed his support for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Mara Gans also supports reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the opportunity to work together and move forward.

Janelle Hahn presented a different view on environmental issues, specifically the negative effects of cell phones on bees. She cites a study that suggests wireless signals cause honeybees to become disoriented and die. She discusses the potential consequences for colony losses and pollination of plants.

Shana Tarter expressed her excitement and full support of the City establishing municipal greenhouse gas reduction targets. By committing to reduction targets, the City is making a statement that it cares about the health and safety of Lander citizens as well as holding fast to the responsibility to steward the city's funds responsibly.

Liam Coyle commented that greenhouse gas reduction goals offer benefits for everyone. He would appreciate it if the Council voted yes.

Aaron (last name unknown), Jefferson Street, voiced his support for the resolution to adopt greenhouse gas targets. He feels it is a statement of intent to be a good steward of the environment, and it opens doors and pocketbooks in a challenging fiscal environment without binding the City to any specifics.

Juan Laden expressed his support for the adoption of the resolution and believes it can put Lander in the forefront.

Cindy Newman commented that Lander has an opportunity to be at the forefront, a leader in Wyoming particularly, and she supports the adoption of setting greenhouse gas emission goals.

Ralph Vinci discussed a Danish wind developer, Olsted, who is stopping the development of two massive New Jersey offshore wind projects and Governor Gordon's 60 Minutes appearance a week or two ago. He believes these are economic decisions that do not show the benefits of climate change as expected. He commented that this is a debatable subject and requested the Council go with their conscience.

Gina Colovich expressed her support for the greenhouse gas emissions initiative. She commented that if we make plans today with the groundwork that's been laid by the E&E Task Force, there will be only positive outcomes for Lander.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES

Councilmember Larsen provided an update on the LOTRA lease agreement.

Councilmember White provided an update on the Senior Center, Air Service, and the donations to the delinquent water bill. She appreciated Light Up Lander.

Councilmember D Hahn commented on greenhouse gas, what it is made of, and where it comes from. He stated there is a lot of information and it is not one-sided. He stated there is a need to meet in the middle on this issue.

Council President Cox thanked everyone for their comments including Councilmember Hahn's comments about meeting in the middle. She believes this is exactly what the City is doing by having a good strategic plan and a plan moving forward on how we as a City can meet in the middle of what is a very polarizing subject. She provided an update on FCSD#1 and on LEDA, who is presenting later in the meeting. The other project that she would like to work on is community engagement as it relates to substance abuse and mental health within our community.

Stuble provided an update on the Lander Art Center, Art in the Afternoon, the EE Task Force meeting, and the Popo Conservation District. She thanked everyone for attending tonight and for providing comments as the Council makes better decisions when they hear from the community.

Councilmember J Hahn commented it is nice to see a full house. He stated that he finds it intriguing that no one shows up for other meetings, like the budget. He feels like the City Council and the Mayor are failing the community. He feels that a lot of the things the Council votes on are not getting our streets, the water, or the sewer fixed. He stated that the Council could step up and vote correctly and get some jobs done instead of voting on all the little things that aren't helping the public succeed.

Mayor Richardson thanked everyone for attending and for all the information sent to the Council. He reminded everybody that the museum is having its Christmas celebration at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Peters commented that the parade went well.

Public Works Director Lance Hopkin stated the motor grader and dump truck are both here and tank and pump project is shut down for the winter.

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen reported on the Wyoming Energy Authority grants. The City applied for reimbursement in June. The City had an investment of \$45,622. The grant that was afforded to us paid \$23,000 of that, so almost 50%. She added that in five months, there was \$3,700 in gas and power savings, and that is between 15 and 25%. She stated that the county is doing a lot of strategic planning on its roads that are ancillary to the city limits. The public meeting for North 2nd and North Fork was last night. Tweed Lane will have a public meeting at the Community Center at 6 p.m. tomorrow, and then the one for the Squaw/Baldwin Loop will be in January.

Deputy Treasurer/Clerk Kevin Kulow informed the Council that the audit was finished. The Council can expect an email soon and there will be a presentation at a January work session.

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine stated that Charri Lara had asked her to talk about the potential Limited English Proficiency Plan, or LEP, that is part of the EPA portion of the SRF Loan application. Although Fremont County and Lander are predominately English-speaking, a written LEP, would guide

employees and members of the public when translation is required. She also announced that the Winter WAM session is scheduled for February 20-23rd in Cheyenne. Additionally, there was a great response for ice skating employees. The City has hired twelve employees. We are still in the process of recruiting for the mechanic position and will be interviewing for the Captain position tomorrow.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2023
- B. Approve the Work Session City Council Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2023
- C. Approve the Bills and Claims

WATER REFUNDS WATER REFUNDS 200,COMMUNITY CENTER REFUNDS REFUNDS 300,CITY SERVICE VALCON FUEL 27977.39,T&T MOTORSPORTS LLC FUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT 2000,T&T MOTORSPORTS LLC FUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT 57500,CENTRAL BANK & TRUST TRAVEL 619.19,WATER REFUNDS WATER REFUNDS 83.87,WATER REFUNDS WATER REFUNDS 154.11,COMMUNITY CENTER REFUNDS REFUNDS 150,HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO FUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT 287640,BLACK HILLS ENERGY GAS 5365.33,71 CONSTRUCTION CO MISC SMALL STREET REPAIRS 86627,71 CONSTRUCTION CO MISC SMALL STREET REPAIRS 174163.5,71 CONSTRUCTION CO MISC SMALL STREET REPAIRS 19764,ADAM E PHILLIPS ATTORNEY AT LAW GENERAL ATTORNEY 4460,ADELLE SIMON PROGRAM REGISTRATION 420,ALSCO LINENS 69.03,ALSCO LINENS 29.24,ALSCO LINENS 205.76,ALSCO LINENS 34,AMERI-TECH EQUIPMENT CO VEHICLE REPAIR 173.81,ARDURRA GROUP INC SEAL COAT & MARK 293.75,ARDURRA GROUP INC SEAL COAT & MARK 5662.54,ARDURRA GROUP INC SEAL COAT & MARK 8973.6,Bailey Valve Inc. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 84504.72,BADGER METER INC METER REPLACEMENT 1524.9,BERNARD PLUMBING VIDEO & CLEANING 217.5,BERNARD PLUMBING VIDEO & CLEANING 285,BOYLE ELECTRIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM REPAIR 1368.82,CARROLL SEPTIC SERVICE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 230,CENTURY LINK TELEPHONE & INTERNET 796.03,CHILD DEVELOPMENT SVCS ECONOMIC DEVELP PROJECTS 8184.61,CLARKS LANDSCAPING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 150,COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE SUPPLIES 26.09,CROSSING THE THRESHOLD LLC ECONOMIC DEVELP PROJECTS 929.88,CWC MENS BASKETBALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION 710,DOWL TRANSPORTATION 23539.27,DAUPLER REPAIR & MAINATENANCE 4800,FAIRFIELD TREE AND LAWN CARE PROF AND CONSULTING 5700,FASTENAL SHOP SUPPLIES 69.52,FLEX SHARE BENEFITS FLEX SHARE FEES 252.1,FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 82.6,FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 396.69,FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 324.36,FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 2075,FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 349.8,FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 1402.53,FLOWPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 2134.01,FREMONT CO SOLID WASTE DISPOS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 29.8,FREMONT COUNTY TREASURER PRISONER CARE 5170,FREMONT COUNTY TREASURER DISPATCH 1037.16,FREMONT COUNTY TREASURER DISPATCH CONTRACT 18751.41,FREMONT MOTOR COMPANY VEHICLE REPAIR 273.75,HACH COMPANY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 1251.95,HDR ENGINEERING INC STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT 27083.86,HDR ENGINEERING INC MISC SMALL STREET REPAIRS 14962.5,HDR ENGINEERING INC SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL 2824.94,HIGH COUNTRY CONSTRUCTION STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT 645440.75,JARED KAIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 3000,INBERG MILLER ENGINEERS PROF AND CONSULTING 8255,INBERG MILLER ENGINEERS PROF AND CONSULTING 7518.4,INBERG MILLER ENGINEERS PROF AND CONSULTING 315,INBERG MILLER ENGINEERS PROF AND CONSULTING 15030.92,INBERG MILLER ENGINEERS PROF AND CONSULTING 7027.85,LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES REPAIRS 607.5,LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE 273,LANDER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER BUILDING MAINTENANCE 1419.96,MASA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT 6384,MIDLAND IMPLEMENT CO VEHICLE REPAIR 1122.8,LOZIER TERESA BUILDING MAINTENANCE 950,ONE CALL OF WYOMING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 53.25,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 726.75,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 120.53,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 78.77,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 74.78,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 34.84,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 31.77,NAPA SHOP SUPPLIES 59.94,NAPA SHOP SUPPLIES 239.76,NAPA SHOP SUPPLIES 533.16,NAPA SHOP SUPPLIES 193.99,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 175.99,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 60.6,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 124.4,NAPA SHOP SUPPLIES 8.44,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 21.65,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 257.06,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 160.21,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 54.93,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 107.76,NAPA SHOP SUPPLIES 11.4,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 71.69,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 138.36,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 63.16,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 61.32,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 295.78,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 11.08,NAPA VEHICLE REPAIR 331.25,REWORX PROF. & TECHNICAL SERVICE 8640,PORTER'S MT VIEW SUPPLY COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE 732.53,PERFECT POWER INC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 180.58,STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP PROF AND CONSULTING 2948.75,STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP PROF AND CONSULTING 3758.75,STRIKE CONSULTING GROUP PROF AND CONSULTING 217.5,RIVERTON TIRE & OIL CO TIRES 1626.68,SWEETWATER AIRE REPAIRS 406.5,"SUMMIT WEST CPA GROUP, P.C." PROF AND CONSULTING 10000,SWISSPHONE LLC SUPPLIES 344.77,SWISSPHONE LLC SUPPLIES 5122.87,TRIHYDRO PROF AND CONSULTING 1397.66,TEAM LABORATORY CHEM LLC WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 3717.5,TYLER TECHNOLOGIES PROF. & TECHNICAL SERVICE 4677.96,"WALLER, TECIA" COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE 3500,WAM - WCCA TUITION & REGISTRATION 260,WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY - RMCOEH SAFETY MATERIALS 10500,WESTERN STATES FIRE PROTECTION COMMUNITY CENTER MAINTENANCE 1538.46,WESTERN LAW ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONALS 1680,WILLIAM H SMITH & ASSOC PROF AND CONSULTING 5625,WILLIAM H SMITH & ASSOC PROF AND CONSULTING 3159,WILLIAM H SMITH & ASSOC MISC SMALL STREET REPAIRS 562.5,WILLIAM H SMITH & ASSOC PROF AND CONSULTING 312.5,WHITING LAW PC GENERAL ATTORNEY 320,WYDOT - FINANCIAL SERVICES FUEL 5123.45,WYOGLOSS LLC VEHICLE REPAIR 370.16,WYOMING ASSN OF RURAL WATER TUITION & REGISTRATION 475,WYOMING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD TUITION & REGISTRATION 382,WYOMING RENTS LLC OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 625,WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM VOLUNTEER FIRE PENSION FUND 618.75,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 549.99,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 264.59,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 40,MASTERCARD TELEPHONE 2142.5,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 20,MASTERCARD HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES 398.6,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 53.87,MASTERCARD PROFESSIONALS 199,MASTERCARD HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES 44.99,MASTERCARD DUES 170,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 80,MASTERCARD FUEL 30,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 122,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 23.54,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 730.5,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 18.2,MASTERCARD MEETING EXPENSE 27.38,MASTERCARD FILING FEES 77,MASTERCARD MEETING EXPENSE 135.29,MASTERCARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 179.7,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 196,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES/TOOLS &

EQUIP 61.56,MASTERCARD IRRIGATION SYSTEM REPAIR 12.13,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES/TOOLS & EQUIP 43.95,MASTERCARD NEW ASSETS 291.81,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES/TOOLS & EQUIP 207.16,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 2568.93,MASTERCARD PROF AND CONSULTING 20,MASTERCARD OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 13.67,MASTERCARD OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE STREETS 64.99,MASTERCARD WW LAB/TESTING 316,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 4031.04,MASTERCARD WATER SAMPLES TESTING 60,MASTERCARD WATER SAMPLES TESTING 15,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 8.96,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 42.27,MASTERCARD WW LAB/TESTING 319,MASTERCARD WW LAB/TESTING 331,MASTERCARD WW LAB/TESTING 265,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 38.97,MASTERCARD WATER SAMPLES TESTING 75,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 56.96,MASTERCARD WW LAB/TESTING -265,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 15.99,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 31.6,MASTERCARD SAFE. EQUIP. & BARRICADE 1365.69,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 82.6,MASTERCARD WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 175.97,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE -33.76,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 638.94,MASTERCARD WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 5338.75,MASTERCARD TUITION & REGISTRATION 199,MASTERCARD WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 35.98,MASTERCARD WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 20.98,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 16.52,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 74.39,MASTERCARD FUEL 35,MASTERCARD FUEL 20,MASTERCARD POSTAGE 5.55,MASTERCARD OFFICE EQUIP SUPPLIES & MAINT 143.98,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 184,MASTERCARD OFFICE EQUIP SUPPLIES & MAINT 270.09,MASTERCARD DUES 44,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 61.29,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 8.99,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 18.35,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 125.96,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 24.99,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 53.97,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 7.85,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 6.61,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 192.2,MASTERCARD SAFE. EQUIP. & BARRICADE 74.99,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 21.98,MASTERCARD SAFE. EQUIP. & BARRICADE -74.99,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 278.9,MASTERCARD SAFE. EQUIP. & BARRICADE 169.99,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 23.78,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 504.37,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 64.75,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 24.3,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 7.73,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 4.79,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 248.12,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 131.64,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 163.16,MASTERCARD OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 77.29,MASTERCARD TIRES 47.46,MASTERCARD SHOP SUPPLIES 375.57,MASTERCARD SHOP SUPPLIES 24.37,MASTERCARD VEHICLE REPAIR 84.23,MASTERCARD VEHICLE REPAIR 351.22,MASTERCARD VEHICLE REPAIR 179.8,MASTERCARD WW LAB/TESTING 270,MASTERCARD ADVERTISING 967.85,MASTERCARD TUITION & REGISTRATION 400,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 25.21,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 15,MASTERCARD FIRE PREVENTION 54.71,MASTERCARD FIRE PREVENTION 117.22,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 402.93,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 19.98,MASTERCARD FIRE PREVENTION 14.6,MASTERCARD UNIFORMS 153.3,MASTERCARD FIRE PREVENTION 219.9,MASTERCARD FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 42.41,MASTERCARD FIRE PREVENTION 359.1,MASTERCARD FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 69.09,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 97.23,MASTERCARD BUILDING MAINTENANCE 54.88,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 108,MASTERCARD FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE 12.89,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 86.91,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 43.28,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 65.85,MASTERCARD FUEL 44.92,MASTERCARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 119.99,MASTERCARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 41.1,MASTERCARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 621,MASTERCARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 198.34,MASTERCARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 85.5,MASTERCARD BUILDING MAINTENANCE 130.79,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 499.99,MASTERCARD BUILDING MAINTENANCE 136.98,MASTERCARD BUILDING MAINTENANCE 31.58,MASTERCARD TELEPHONE & INTERNET 1159.49,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 512.28,MASTERCARD TRAVEL 40,MASTERCARD TELEPHONE & INTERNET 1798,MASTERCARD TELEPHONE & INTERNET 1755.66,MASTERCARD WATER UTILITY BILLING 698.85,MASTERCARD TELEPHONE & INTERNET 1332,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 9.85,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 15.98,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 27.96,MASTERCARD SHOP SUPPLIES 24.98,MASTERCARD VEHICLE REPAIR 31.99,MASTERCARD VEHICLE REPAIR 196.71,MASTERCARD TUITION & REGISTRATION 230,MASTERCARD TUITION & REGISTRATION 249,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 112.27,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 29.69,MASTERCARD BUILDING MAINTENANCE 520.5,MASTERCARD TURF & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 947.89,MASTERCARD BUILDING MAINTENANCE 41.3,MASTERCARD WW-OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE 364.94,MASTERCARD FIRE PREVENTION 126.82,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 2394.51,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES 26.88,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES -200.39,MASTERCARD FUEL -0.3,MASTERCARD SUPPLIES -2.19, PART-TIME WAGES CEMETERY 1832.00, MUNICIPAL COURT 1134.00.

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Council Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Approve Ordinance 2023-4 on Third Reading - An Ordinance Vacating a Partial Alley located in the JI Patten Addition Adjacent to 473 South 4th.

Motion made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Approve Resolution 1317 Setting Forth Greenhouse Gas Emission Goals For the Years Ending in 2030 and 2040.

Councilmember White moved to approve Resolution 1317, Seconded by Councilmember Stuble.

Councilmember White recognized that one of the top strategic plan priorities the Council established was building and energy efficiency. The Energy and Environment Task Force has brought the Council numerous projects to address building efficiency which allows the City to be more efficient with its funds. The City will need additional funds to continue to provide updated infrastructure and largely will be dependent on grants. She would like to amend this resolution to include an 80% emissions reduction by 2050. Councilmember White made a motion to amend the Resolution to include 80% emissions reduction by 2050, Seconded by Councilmember Stuble.

Councilmember Stuble commented that the Council has three goals, 2030, 2040, and 2050, which will make us much more competitive in the grants that we're pursuing to chase after these energy efficiency dollars, and it will make us have a much more standardized type of goal. She solicited staff perspective on adding that 2050, 80% by 2050. Assistant Mayor Rajean Strube Fossen added that this topic was discussed at the weekly staff meeting, and the staff was in support of adding a 2050 goal. She reminded everyone there is a clause in the resolution that says every five years that this could be updated and amended.

Councilmember D Hahn stated he is not against it. However, he is concerned that grants have strings attached, which take the power away from the people who want to make the decisions. He is also bothered by the possibility that if this passes, this Council will do whatever it is and take things away from infrastructure needs. He believes the City needs to go in a different direction concerning the carbon footprint and consider the big picture. He is not totally against this resolution, but it appears extreme to him.

Councilmember J Hahn inquired if the City receives a lot of complaints about building efficiency compared to the streets. Councilmember White commented as a Council we agreed on this as a way of being better stewards of taxpayer dollars in terms of our general fund. Infrastructure for the streets comes out of a different budget. Our street repair is done by the 1% improvement for the roads.

Councilmember Stuble commented that being more competitive for the energy efficiency grants saves dollars in the long run, and those are dollars that the City can spend on infrastructure projects. The infrastructure problems that we're addressing and the target setting for greenhouse gas emissions is integrated into moving us forward in a direction that's positive for the City. She commented that 60 citizens have spoken up in support, and less than 10 have spoken up in opposition.

Mayor Richardson called for the question on the amendment. Councilmembers voting Yea to amend the resolution and include greenhouse gas emission goals of 80% reduction by 2025: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, Mayor Richardson. Councilmembers voting Nay: J Hahn. Motion passes.

Mayor Richardson called for the question to approve Resolution 1317 Setting Forth Greenhouse Gas Emission Goals For the Years Ending in 2030, 2040, and 2050. Councilmembers voting Yea: Larson, White, Cox, Stuble, and Mayor Richardson. Councilmembers voting Nay: D Hahn and J Hahn. Motion passes.

B. Approve LEDA's recommendations for LIFT program funding.

Radiant Wellness- Motion made by Councilmember Stuble to approve LEDA's recommendation to fund Radiant Wellness's request of \$10,096, seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and Mayor Richardson. Councilmembers voting Nay: D Hahn and J Hahn. Motion passed.

Rising Star Gymnastics- Motion made by Councilmember White to approve LEDA's recommendation to fund Rising Star Gymnastics' request of \$28,500, Seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed.

Historical Lander High School Building Restoration- Motion made by Councilmember Stuble to approve LEDA's recommendation to fund the Historical Lander High School Building Restoration for \$37,500, seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed.

Onsite Laundry and Showers- Motion made by Councilmember White to approve LEDA's recommendation not to fund Onsite Laundry and Showers request, Seconded by Council member J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed.

- C. Approve LEDA's proposal to suspend the LIFT program.

Eric Andrews explained that there is no economic development plan, no goals established or priority. LEDA is requesting the LIFT program be suspended to provide an opportunity for develop an economic development plan and goals. Discussion ensued concerning the tax, the amount of time both LIFT and LEDA volunteers provide as well as whether this would be changing the rules "mid-stream".

Motion made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, and J Hahn. Councilmembers voting nay: Cox, Stuble, and Mayor Richardson. Motion passes.

- D. Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign Paymerang Master Services Agreement

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Council Stuble. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order number 2 for the LND - 2023 Pavement Maintenance Project increasing the local cost by \$84.40 for adding a temporary marking to Bid Schedule 2A for black paint around the helipad marking.

Motion made by Councilmember White , Seconded by Council J Hahn Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Approve and Authorize the Mayor to sign the new Lease Agreement with the Lander Golf Course.

Motion made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Council J Hahn Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION-potential land acquisition

Motion to Enter Executive Session made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Council White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session entered at 7:29 PM.

Motion to Exit Executive Session made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember Stuble. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously. Exited Executive Session at 7:42 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Council Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Monte Richardson,
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

CITY OF LANDER MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a safe, stable, and responsive environment that promotes and supports a traditional yet progressive community resulting in a high quality of life.

VISION

Preserving the past, while embracing the future.

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