



CITY OF LANDER - CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM. Roll Call. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, Missy White and Mayor Monte Richardson. STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Community Development Coordinator Ann Even, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

2. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilmember Larsen commented that council needs to discuss and evaluate the City Park camping. He provided an update on the Chamber, the Challenge for Charities and Brewfest.

Councilmember White commented on the number of vehicles camped at city park. She discussed housing opportunities and provided an update on the Good Samaritan Meals and the first Lander Presents concert.

Councilmember D Hahn would like a city park discussion scheduled soon.

Council President Cox stated that the camping in city park discussion needs to occur. She commented on the on the number events in Lander and encouraged everyone to branch out and attend new events. She provided an update on FCSD# 1 and the Community Services Block Grant. Flood mitigation activities need to be readdressed. Lastly, she commented on the HRA that each city employee, including council members, have as a benefit.

Councilmember Stuble provided an update on the Popo Agie Conservation District and potential E.coli in the river.

Councilmember J Hahn inquired about Sinks Canyon Camp. Clerk Fontaine answered that a variety of factors were in play, from lower than usual enrollment, a change over the years in requirements and insurance for some of the activities, as well as staff who had a change in plans and were then unavailable. Hopefully this year can be used to address these changes and challenges and provide a successful camp next year. Councilmember J Hahn commented he joined the City Council to be the voice for the and in previous meetings he has been interrupted and been shut down. He believes this is disrespectful and council members should be allowed to speak.

Mayor Richardson thanked the firemen and reminded the public there is a fire department pancake breakfast on July 1 and a Senior Center one on July 4th.

3. STAFF REPORTS

Community Development Coordinator Anne Even Fireworks provided an update on the fireworks show that was canceled and discussed the press release that went out today.

Public Works Director Lance Hopkin provided an update disconnected waterlines, water tank project which are waiting on materials ordered over the winter. The Lincoln Street Project is expected to be put out of bid soon. The mosquito program is starting with the city perimeter to eliminate breeding spots.

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen provided an update on the Safe Streets for All grant opportunity as well as the Table Mountain Living Community project.

City Treasurer Charri Lara provided a budget update. Assessed valuations were more than anticipated. She discussed the current SLIB loans and applications the city could make and bundle projects together

and receive an interest rate reduction and potential partial forgiveness.

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine thanked council for complying with public records request reminded council that email text messages Facebook pages are all subject to public records requests.

4. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

A. Eric Andrews presentation concerning LIFT program changes

Eric Andrews presentation concerning LIFT program changes. The scoring rubric seems to be working. He presented potential changes that could include: an award cap, if an application does not score at least 50%, the applicant would not be eligible to receive funding, reward applicants for smaller asks by funding a higher percentage of the project, LEDA recommends utilizing \$25,000 quarterly toward an operating budget for advertising and a salaried position to attend all meetings, take on projects that they can't do now and write grants. A lengthy discussion between council ensued as to capping the government requests, lengthening the current process timeline, transparency and voting on individual awards.

B. Discussion concerning proposed Resolution 1292 Water and Utility Rate Changes. The Water Master Plan proposes a rate increase 7% through 2031. General discussion about fees, rates and expansion.

C. Discussion concerning updating the workers' compensation section in the policy manual.

D. Discussion concerning Gannett Peak Safe Routes to Schools WYDOt TAP Grant CD215510
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5. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____

Monte Richardson,

City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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