

	CITY OF LANDER		
	SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING		
	Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Pro Tem Stuble 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), and Missy White. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Police Captain Kelly Waugh, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, Civil City Attorney Adam Phillips and City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The motion was made by Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**

A. Public Comment

Kathleen Averill stated that the Council faces a moral and ethical dilemma and encouraged them to vote for Dan Hahn who received 47% of the vote in the previous mayor race. She requested the Council uphold the will of the voters.

Phillip Strong urged the Council to vote for Dan Hahn. All members are equally qualified, but Dan Hahn has run a campaign and expressed his desire to run. The Council should vote for the representation of the people.

Jane Lynn expressed her support for Julia Stuble.

Tim Sheehan expressed his support for Dan Hahn as he had the most votes other than Monte.

Charles Woolwine expressed his concern for the soul of the City. He wants the Council to elect the person willing to commit Lander as a Safe Haven for unborn children and is pro-life.

Sarah Reilley thanked all councilmembers for their service to the community. She commented that the statutes allow for the choice from within the council. She would like to see Councilwoman White as the next Mayor.

Warren Thompson also thanked all councilmembers for their hard work. Thankless job at times. He expressed his support for Dan Hahn.

Karen Wetzel expressed her belief and reasons why Dan Hahn should be the next mayor.

Kara Colovich expressed concern with Councilmember Dan Hahn’s lack of response to her attempts to speak with him. She wanted to ensure he brings concerns forward for all constituents.

Joanna Harter expressed her support for Julia Stuble as Mayor.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve February 11, 2025, Regular City Council Minutes

B. Approve February 18, 2025, Special City Council Meeting Minutes

The motion was made by Councilmember D Hahn and seconded by Councilmember J Hahn.

Councilmember White moved to amend the February 18, 2025 minutes to reflect Captain Kelly Waugh was present not Chief Peters, motion to amend was seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

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

5. **NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

A. City Ordinance 12-5-2 procedure of filling City Council Member vacancies discussion

Civil City Attorney Adam Phillips explained the process outlined in the city ordinance. When a Councilmember fills the vacancy of mayor, the Lander City ordinance requires the councilmember to resign, and that resignation needs to be accepted at the next meeting. Upon acceptance of the resignation, the person can be sworn in and take the oath of office for the office of mayor. According to Lander City Ordinance 12-5-2 the City will advertise the vacant council seat and accept applications. The Councilmembers will interview the applicants and select an applicant to fill the position.

6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Nominate and vote to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor in accordance with City Ordinance 12-5-1 and W.S. 15-1-107

Mayor Pro Tem Stuble called for nominations for the office of Mayor. Councilmember Larsen nominated Councilmember White. Councilmember White accepted the nomination for the office of Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem Stuble called for other nominations. Councilmember J Hahn nominated Councilmember Dan Hahn and presented his reasons for so doing. Councilmember Dan Hahn accepted the nomination for the office of Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem Stuble called two more times for any other nominations.

Mayor Pro Tem Stuble called for a roll call vote: Councilmember J Hahn voted for Councilmember D Hahn. Councilmember Cox voted for Councilwoman White. Councilmember D Hahn voted for Councilmember D Hahn. Councilmember White voted for Councilmember White. Councilmember Larsen voted for Councilmember White. Mayor Pro Tem Stuble voted for Councilmember White. Mayor Pro Tem Stuble announced the results with Councilmember White receiving 4 votes, the majority and Councilmember D Hahn receiving 2 votes. She congratulated Councilmember White.

7. ADJOURNMENT

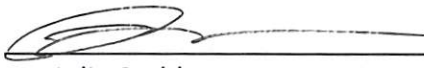
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Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.



Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

The City of Lander

By: 
Julia Stuble,
City of Lander Mayor Pro Tem

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Preserving the past, while embracing the future.

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