

**CITY OF LANDER
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
October 24, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Governing Body Present: Mayor Del McOmie, Council President Cade Maestas, Council Vice President Monte Richardson, Council Members Melinda K. Cox, Dick Hudson, Mark Calhoun, Dan Hahn

Governing Body Absent:

City Staff Present: Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, City Attorney Adam Phillips, Assistant Mayor Rajean Strube Fossen, City Clerk Sarah Edlund, Treasurer Charri Lara, Chief of Police Ceerle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Staff & Council Updates

Assistant Mayor Rajean Strube Fossen gave an update on the Airport which is almost done. They are hosting a BBQ 10/16 and local legislatures were invited the next day. There are also vacancies on some of our Volunteer Boards.

Public Works Director Lance Hopkins stated Wyoming Street should be paved soon and then millings and shavings from the Airport will be placed in the turnaround at the bottom of the hill. The City has utilized the millings on sewer pond road and on Washakie and North 1st Street. He has been working a lot with Adam.

Chief Ceerle, the department has been working on the “spring cleaning with alleys, streets and sidewalks. Officers have been and will be in contact with homeowners regarding vegetation issues. There have been a lot of investigations, with good with communication between night and day shifts and other departments. Still in the hiring process to replace Fred Cox and have narrowed it down to two candidates both are detention officers. But with the required training it is looking at a year and a half before they would be to full potential.

City Treasurer Charri Lara gave an update on the sales tax, assuming eclipse sales taxes are in we didn’t see much of an increase. The City is only at 2% more than last year. Maybe the businesses who were utilized were annual filers, people who rented out their homes and we will see an increase then. Rajean shared that lodging tax was only \$15,000.00, so that was lower.

Council President Maestas stated that only 3 counties were up in the last quarter. Charri, we are so far behind our 5 to 10 year average of growth increasing 3% a year. Mayor McOmie requested an update on what it looked like for the whole county for the 1% tax this year. Charri 1160000, hopefully people that came for the eclipse will come back and visit again.

City Clerk Sarah Edlund gave an update on annexations.

Brian Linton gave an update on GIS position and how it will incorporate how it can benefit the city. He is creating a data base for the city’s infrastructure. GIS day is November 16th and he plans on having an open house here at City Hall. Lance shared that Brian has our master license

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on this program and we are going to look at what other things can we do to utilize this information. We are looking to add an internet end base use system for our customers. This is really awesome for the city. Council President Cade Maestas mentioned that the county level is making a push for GIS information. Also this would be great for our projects with historic information being easily assessable from one location. We can now utilize the shape file we have from previous contracts. Mayor McOmie agreed this would be great regarding our engineering needs with projects that come up. Lance agreed it will be a great cost savings. Brian is still working his full time job at the water plant and doing this. Council Member Mark Calhoun inquired if more resources should be allowed for this program to continue to grow.

Lance, yes another person may be needed, and out in the field. In the future more licenses for this program and better plotters will be needed. That is why we put in for a full time GIS person at some point. Council Member Calhoun, so when we do rate increases we should take this into account. Mayor, yes we will need to budget for it. Charri would like to present a quarterly report.

Council Vice President Monte Richardson gave an update on the parks and recreation meeting, there was a good presentation on the new rec building. Paul G. has offered the property up on the hill for them to build this rec center. This is a total Fremont County effort and has the support of people from all over the county. Riverton residents have asked that they redesign to add an indoor ice rink that their hockey teams could use year round. They should have the website up soon and would like it partially open by mid-April. It will be a nonprofit but will run like a business. They will have around 30K a month operating costs. They will be offering family member ships for \$100.00 a month, and daily fees to cover the operating costs. They will also be sub-leasing to the different rec groups, i.e. martial arts and gymnastics. He also said that he would be glad to come in and do a presentation for the council in the next work session if they so desire it. Mayor, this is very different then what ARC has done and is going after a different demographic. He thinks this is exciting and hopes it comes to fruition. Rajean, this is fully supported by the parks and recreation department. Monte, rodeo grounds are moving along. They are moving bleachers, and the new runway looks good. Lance, we are doing it very carefully so everyone is safe. We are on schedule for new bleachers and reworked ones on the other side. Council Member Dan Hahn, will recreation center affect the businesses in town? Mayor, it could. We do have several fitness centers in town. Council Member Hahn shared that is the only thing that is concerning to him. Council Member Melinda Cox, this recreation center is more focused on kids. Council President Maestas stated there are a couple of businesses in town that are concerned. It is going to be run like a business but is a nonprofit.

Council Member Calhoun gave an update on the TAP meeting. The time frame for the study was extended; it was a good meeting on how to allow the public to know of our options. There is a Chamber meeting tomorrow. Mayor stated that he knows a bunch of people who were very opposed and they have moderated their opinion as the way things have progressed through this process

Lance we got a new paint stripping machine. We saved money that we would have hired someone to do. Council Member Calhoun, is that something that groups in town could pay the city to use it? Lance wants to see what our efficiency is first then we can talk about it. It could be an option. Someone like the school district would be good. Mayor reminded everyone that we are shorthanded with people there are only 5 employees in the street department and their supervisor. Plus if there was a local company who does it we wouldn't want to compete against them.

2. Proclamation – Safe Halloween

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3. Authorize Mayor to sign grant with Wyoming State Forestry for \$2,500.00 for a Community Forestry Assessment for Lander.

Council President asked if there is a co-share, to this agreement.

Lance, there is no co-share it is paid for by the state; it is to look at the health of the trees in the park.

Mayor, do we have trees in the cemetery?

Council Member Hudson said she has some that have been planted up there for that use.

Mayor, those trees could be utilized to replace some of the old trees.

MOTION: Council President Maestas moved to approve, Council Member Calhoun seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council President Maestas moved to adjourn the special meeting and go into executive session, Council Vice President Richardson seconded, at 6:45 p.m.

4. Executive Session –Litigation

MOTION: Council President Maestas moved to reconvene the special meeting, Council Vice President Richardson seconded at 7:18 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Authorize Mayor to sign agreement with Peel Brimley LLC for mediation services.

MOTION: Council President Maestas moved to approve, Council Member Calhoun seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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ATTEST:

By: _____
Del McOmie, Mayor

Sarah Edlund, City Clerk

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