

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
DECEMBER 27, 2016**

THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Governing Body Present: Mayor Del McOmie, Council President Cade Maestas, Council Member Dan Hahn Council Members Dick Hudson

Governing Body Absent: Council Members Mark Calhoun, Melinda Cox and Vice President Monte Richardson

City Staff Present: City Clerk Robin Griffin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Public Works Director/Engineer Lance Hopkin, Chief of Police Bob Cecrle,

1. Staff & Council Updates

Council President Maestas explained the governor's task force for sage grouse will be meeting in Lander in April. The meeting will be Wednesday - Friday. He stated at this time the task force will be available Wednesday morning for a Lander related tour or event.

2. Fly Riverton – FAST

Missy White and Kyle Butterfield were present to discuss Fly Riverton. Ms. White stated they have been working on marketing - i.e. package deals with Denver Air and the local casinos; magazines in the seat back on flight. She stated that TSA is operational in Sheridan and Riverton. Starting January 13, 2017 Denver Air will be TSA certified;

Mr. Butterfield provided updated figures for enplanement and the revenue guarantee as of December 16, 2016. Great Lakes Aviation is still servicing Riverton Regional. At this time it is unknown how long they will continue since they are already reverting to cancellation trends.

Ms. White stated that Sheridan is growing in enplanements. She stated they still have to offer sales and discounts.

Mr. Butterfield stated a decision needs to be made for year two for Denver Air. Should Riverton Regional back Great Lakes or go with Denver Air. He stated they are applying for funds and feel confident they will receive state funds.

Cody's airport has lost United service, at least temporarily. In the past they were not interested in using Denver Air. Casper is the only airport not subsidized in Wyoming.

3. Assisted Living Task Force Grant Sponsorship

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen introduced Assisted Living Task Force Members Cora Lee Reynolds and Andy Gramlich. Mr. Gramlich explained that the Task Force has realized that the purchase of land and a building together are pretty prohibitive. He explained they have met with a consultant, and are moving ahead looking at two sectors - organizations that do this and performing these duties in-house. The task force will need a feasibility study to attach numbers and to plan. Another issue is

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defining the geographic area. The only funding available is the USDA loans and grants. After the feasibility study is completed then the task force will need to begin public.

Council Member Maestas asked if the task force had looked into any private enterprises. Mr. Gramlich stated they are calling and looking for interest from private parties. Council President Maestas asked if there was interest in state lands or if the task force had looked at government leased land?

It is estimated that the planning portion of the project will cost \$18,000-\$25,000 to finish project. Wyoming Business Council funds are not an option since their planning grant funds dwindled down.

4. Water & Sewer Rate Increase Discussion

Public Works Director/Engineer Lance Hopkin explained options for repair and replacement for streets, water and sewer. Recommendations are to start rehabilitation of the streets at \$1.6 million per year. This does not include tanks or a future treatment facility. He stated the City needs a goal and capitol improvement plan to handle what we have now in front of us. Council President Maestas stated the City needs to show the citizens a 10 year plan with actual data, not "this is what was recommended".

Public Works Director/Engineer Hopkin explained the City is still reviewing the options of the sewer lagoons vs. a sewer treatment plant. This is depending on EPA/DEQ regulations. Currently it is unsure how much water is infiltrating into the sewer system. He stated the City needs to slow infiltration down first and then the sewer lagoon project may not need to be as big. He stated the next steps needed are to identify water and sewer projects with 1% projects. The City has other projects waiting, Phase 2 High Pressure Water Line and the next streets project. The lagoon project that is next will be to pipe across the river and create effective treatment. The City needs redundancy in both the water and sewer systems.

Mayor McOmie stated he is looking at having two work sessions a month, since it appears there is too much information for only one work session.

5. FAA and WyDOT airport grant update

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen explained the spreadsheet she presented to the City Council showing the Hunt Field runway project. The spreadsheet shows the funding sources, FAA, Wyoming Aeronautics and City /local funds. The preliminary design was completed in the last fiscal year, with the final design and construction of \$1 million plus signed but not spent.

The City/local match is a total of \$140,000. This will be paid over three of the city's fiscal years.

FAA will only fund a 75' runway. Currently Hunt Field is 100'. The Airport Board has asked the pilots to lobby for a 100'. The next airport board meeting will be January 4th at 7pm at the terminal with the FAA and Wyoming Aeronautics present.

With the current FAA ruling the City of Lander would be expected to maintain the additional 25' of runway, which is an additional \$774,000. It is possible WyDOT Aeronautics would help with that short and long term costs.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Robin Griffin, City Clerk

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