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**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
MARCH 28, 2017**

THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Governing Body Present: Mayor Del McOmie, Council President Cade Maestas, Vice President Monte Richardson, Council Members Melinda Cox, Dan Hahn

Governing Body Absent: Council Members Dick Hudson, Mark Calhoun

City Staff Present: City Treasurer Charri Lara, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Public Works Director/Engineer Lance Hopkin, Fire Administrator Nick Hudson, City Clerk Robin Griffin, Building Inspector Mike Logue, Police Chief Bob Ceclre

1. Staff & Council Update

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen informed the Council there will be two public meetings coming up. The Transportation Alternatives Program will be April 13th at the Lander Community and Convention Center; on April 18th at City Hall, WYDOT will be presenting the designs for the Urban Systems Projects - Jefferson Street and Highway 287 sidewalk near the Blue Ridge Apartments.

Fire Administrator Nick Hudson stated the Regional Hazard Planning Process will hold a public input meeting on April 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Riverton Wyoming Fire Academy.

Public Works Director/Engineer Lance Hopkin stated the Trujillo portion of the High Pressure Water Line is now installed and functioning leaving the Fremont Street portion to complete the HPWL Project. River work is being fixed from last year's flood. The Infiltration & Inflow project is out for bid. The water tanks are scheduled to be inspected Thursday.

City Treasurer Charri Lara explained that she had served on the State Adhoc Revenue Committee. Representative Madden asked for details for alternative funding for cities and towns. The funding outlook for short and long term is not good. Representative Madden anticipates that this next year may have funding shortfalls. The committee is to present ideas future revenue streams on May 11, 2017.

City Clerk Robin Griffin updated the Council on items for the next regular meeting. There will be a first reading on a rezoning request for 273 Amoretti from R-2 to R-5; Ordinance amending Solar Rights within the City; and possibly an ordinance for first reading rezoning the 100 and 200 block of Amoretti Street from R-2 to R-5.

Council President Maestas stated the City is hosting the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Task Force meeting next week. There will be public comments each day. The schedule is located on the Wyoming State Parks website. The task force will give broad recommendations to the Governor.

2. Police Department Life Saving Awards

Lieutenant McOmie stated in 2016 there were four incidents that required live saving skills performed by officers of the Lander Police Department. Officer Troy Trehearne and Sergeant Garrett Millington assisted a choking victim on 7/28/16;

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Officer Jacob Halsmer 8/31/16 found a 10 year old unconscious and performed cpr.; Officer Leafgreen 9/15/16 assisted a citizen with severe bleeding and their heart had stopped, he performed cpr; and Officer Troy Trehearne 10/16/16 saved a choking baby.

2. Pushroot Garden Committee

Coleman Griffith with the Pushroot Community Garden explained the Garden Board feels the lease is designed for larger organization. Mr. Griffith explained that the Board would like the City to maintain the water line from the meter to two spigots. He stated there have been leaks in the lines in last few years. Mr. Griffith stated the city put both hydrants in and asked that the city continue to maintain the lines. Public Works Director/Engineer Hopkin stated they are frost free hydrants. Mr. Griffith also asked that the city blow the lines out once a year. Public Works Director/Engineer Hopkin stated it does not need blown out, the lines are deep enough. Public Works will look into the possible leaks. Council President Maestas stated the lease agreement was created to allow them to have more power or authority to use the park. Mr. Griffith stated many of the members do not understand and feel this is a cold legal document. Mayor McOmie stated the city appreciates the garden and their members.

3. Budget – FAST Proposal

City Treasurer Lara explained that her spreadsheet is from the City of Riverton data. She stated the City will start budgets this week. FAST requested \$200,000. Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen wondered if FAST will remove the subsidies and run it like a business. When will the specials go away and the seats be full price. ⅔ of boardings are out of Sheridan. Sheridan is also picking up 50%. LEDA has promised funds to FAST also. Rick Rollino with LEDA stated the air service means a great deal personally and with Wyoming Catholic College. The College will be working to use the air service in the upcoming year.

4. Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems – Discussion

Fire Administrator Hudson stated the Council approved first reading of the ordinance adopting the 2015 International Residential Code. He stated he want to see the code adopted with or without fire sprinkler systems. He stated he wanted to educate the public and council about residential sprinklers. A copy of the presentation is available on the City website www.landerwyoming.org/fire.

Building Inspector Mike Logue stated the ordinance as it was originally set allows the homeowner to have the option whether they want a residential sprinkler system or not. Teton County is mandatory any house over 5000 sq ft. but the rest of the state it is optional.

6. Kevin Wilson - Presentation

Mr. Kevin Wilson stated he was a concerned citizen of the USA. He stated there were troubling things on a national level. Mr. JC Dyed stated he had personal experience and anguish from the Vietnam War. Council Member Cox asked what they want to see happen with this resolution, Mr. Wilson stated he would like it to go to congress, Rep Cheeney, to let them know this community is deeply concerned. Mayor explained city council is a non-partisan group that is elected.

Mr. Wilson read the proposed resolution.

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Resolution Proposed for Lander, WY

Whereas President Trump has proposed to move \$54 billion from human and environmental spending at home and abroad to military spending[i], bringing military spending to well over 60% of federal discretionary spending[ii],

Whereas part of helping alleviate the refugee crisis should be ending, not escalating, wars that create refugees[iii],

Whereas President Trump himself admits that the enormous military spending of the past 16 years has been disastrous and made us less safe, not safer[iv],

Whereas fractions of the proposed military budget could provide free, top-quality education from pre-school through college[v], end hunger and starvation on earth[vi], convert the U.S. to clean energy[vii], provide clean drinking water everywhere it's needed on the planet[viii], build fast trains between all major U.S. cities[ix], and double non-military U.S. foreign aid rather than cutting it[x],

Whereas even 121 retired U.S. generals have written a letter opposing cutting foreign aid[xi],

Whereas a December 2014 Gallup poll of 65 nations found that the United States was far and away the country considered the largest threat to peace in the world[xii],

Whereas a United States responsible for providing clean drinking water, schools, medicine, and solar panels to others would be more secure and face far less hostility around the world,

Whereas our environmental and human needs are desperate and urgent,

Whereas the military is itself the greatest consumer of petroleum we have[xiii],

Whereas economists at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst have documented that military spending is an economic drain rather than a jobs program[xiv],

Be it therefore resolved that the City Council of Lander, WY, urges the United States Congress to move our tax dollars in exactly the opposite direction proposed by the President, from militarism to human and environmental needs.

Lee Lofgren stated people live under a lot of myth. He stated Norway 10 years ago gave \$13 for every dollar

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Americans give. He stated it is a matter of priorities.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The City of Lander
A Municipal Corporation

By: _____
Del McOmie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Griffin, City Clerk

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