

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
June 28, 2016**

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 Mark Calhoun, Dick Hudson, Melinda K. Cox, Council Member Dan Hahn

Governing Body Absent:

City Staff Present: City Clerk Robin Griffin, Engineer/Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, Police Chief Bob Ceclre, Weed & Pest Supervisor Kirk Rasmussen

1. Ellis Tank Information and Update

Public Works Director Lance Hopkin explained problems with the Ellis Tank. The Ellis Tank is a 2 million gallon tank off Mortimore Lane and Sinks Canyon Road. City staff noticed a number of issues and contacted a vendor to evaluate the issues. The vendor evaluation was handled with their engineer who has stated there is damage to the integrity of the roof of the tank and evidence of failures relating to the structure. Public Works is looking at options temporarily until a permanent fix can be made. Public Works will obtain a recommendation from a structural engineer. Costs – a new roof could be 40% of a new tank and a new tank is \$1 per gallon, in this case it is estimated at \$2,000,000. The Ellis zone covers 80% of Lander.

2. Mosquitos

Weed & Pest Supervisor Kirk Rasmussen stated West Nile Virus has an elevated activity but we are honoring the no-spray requests. Weed and Pest is fogging the whole town now.

3. Open Container Recommendations for procedures

Chief Ceclre explained the issues with noise from last year with open container/street closure permits. He and Council Member Cox have worked on a general guideline that could be used for future street closure and open container permits. Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen verified that the open container permit ends ½ hour earlier than street closure so that clean up can occur. Council Member Hudson stated the biggest complaints are to the noise. Council Member Cox explained that there could be events on private property and there is no regulation on when those would need to end. Chief Ceclre stated this is a guideline and the Council can decide what hours are allowed. Council President Maestas stated the City needs to be reasonable. The Council thought that the 10 pm guideline for all open container/street closures would be reasonable and if an event wanted to be later they could ask the council for a later time. The consensus was to have a public forum to hear comments for and against.

4. Staff & City Council Updates

Assistant Mayor Fossen invited everyone to attend the Korean War Peace Medal Presentation Thursday June 30, 2016 at 2:45 p.m. at the Lander Community & Convention Center. Assistant Mayor Fossen stated there will public meetings on a couple of Studies within the Lander area. They are the Lander Area Transportation Study 7/19 4:30 – 6:30, which is looking at access and growth issues on Second Street and Hwy 287; the Flood Mitigation Study 8/10/16 which is a study that the Corps of Engineers is performing on the Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River.

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This project still has a funding shortfall for that study; Transportation Safety Grant will put out alternatives in December. The Lander Housing Authority has been tasked with researching the possibility of an Assisted Living Facility in the Lander area. The Housing Authority has assigned a task force of 5 members. This week they toured Warm Valley Springs Assisted Living Facility in Dubois.

Weed & Pest Supervisor Rasmussen stated his department has been spraying Leafy Spurge

Chief Ceerle stated the Police Department will have their yearly meeting for July 4th and cover the year in review. A couple of police department personnel have been recertified with specific certifications for equipment

City Treasurer Charri Lara explained she is on a Wyoming Association of Municipalities AD Hoc Revenue Committee. They are meeting to help WAM with information on revenues to be presented to the legislature. They will be forming groups September 22 & 23 at a committee meeting in Buffalo. Treasurer Lara asked the Council if City Hall could close the office to the public at 4:00 p.m. This would enable staff to work uninterrupted for one hour a day. She explained the current hours of City Hall are 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. staying open during the lunch hour.

City Clerk Robin Griffin explained a request from the Wind River Visitor's Council to change the bylaws. The request is the change "must reside in the corporate limits" to "residing in their community or surrounding area". This will be on the next Council agenda July 12, 2016. The Job Corps interns are working well and greatly appreciated.

Council Member Cox stated she has been receiving complaints with the maintenance of the softball fields.

Council Member Maestas reminded everyone that 4 years ago the Community Center burned! The 4th of July a great plug for Lander with lots of people that come into the City, a fantastic day.

Council Member Calhoun as liaison to the Fremont County Solid Waste District stated there is a lot going on with recycling and the District wants the city involved since it will impact us. Council Member Calhoun read a Proclamation for the Class of 1986.

Council Vice President Monte Richardson thanked the City crews for all their help repairing the rodeo grounds crow's nest.

Mayor McOmie explained Public Works Director Hopkin had to go to an street emergency. He explained the street projects are moving along. The water lines at the end of Dillon will be completed by the end of this week. The High Pressure Water Line project is progressing. The Street Department will be working on valley pan replacements; striping will be mostly done before the 4th. He warned everyone that the City will have to cut budgets some more. In light of that he suggested a program to "Adopt a Trail" or "Adopt a park tree" and asked that individuals and clubs could help with the issues. Mayor McOmie explained these are not essential services and could dropped with the budget cuts.

Ann McGowan stated this is the one year anniversary of the naming of the Joe McGowan Skate Park. She thanked the City on behalf of the McGowan family.

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Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The City of Lander
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By: _____
Del McOmie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Griffin, City Clerk

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