

**CITY OF LANDER  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
240 LINCOLN STREET  
LANDER, WY 82520  
AUGUST 22, 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, Mark Calhoun, Dick Hudson

**Governing Body Absent:**

**City Staff Present:** Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, Police Lieutenant Alan McOmie, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Clerk Robin Griffin

1. Staff & Council Updates

Police Lieutenant McOmie stated the eclipse was uneventful for the police department. The department wrote 90 citations and 190 written warnings.

Public Works Director/Engineer Lance Hopkin stated the parks were not as busy as other events. Council President Maestas asked how the fee was received and Director Hopkin stated 99% of the campers were good with the fee. Cade discussed confusion on traffic routing and where they are supposed to be working. Council Member Calhoun stated he had heard there were issues with the Golf Course advertising a three day promotion that did not occur. The sewer lining project is halfway done. The pipes above ground are bypass piping. City Treasurer Lara stated the State of Wyoming Direct Distribution was increased \$97,000 for this next budget year, which was unanticipated. City Treasurer Lara also stated that the city's loan from the enterprise fund may be paid off; she is still crunching the number. City Attorney Phillips stated he was working on contracts and a MOU for Fremont County Public Health, HPWL, and the Chamber building issues. RaJean started FEMA flood disaster relief. The City will be eligible for 75% reimbursement both before the flood and during the flood. City Hall is reworking several of the job descriptions.

Mayor McOmie stated Fred Cox will be new Fire Administrator starts 8/28/17. The police department is looking at replacing the animal control position which was vacated with Fred Cox moving to the fire department. Council Member Cox asked Lieutenant McOmie why County 10

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is not showing Lander incidents. Lieutenant McOmie stated a report is created by the Records Clerk Duane Kaiser and sent out every day when he is working. A city employee was upset with city park parking lot getting colored during the color run. Director Hopkin stated he would look into it. Council Member Cox stated she would like to review the liquor hours with the City Clerk. She stated their needs to be a permanent fence structure behind the stage as a protection for the citizens against the river. Council President Maestas stated the golf course has a leaking ditch, which is still causing damage. The Golf Course Board is researching options to fix the ditch and currently believe it will cost \$120,000. Since the City owns the land it has been questioned who is responsible for the repair the Golf Course or the City. Director Hopkin stated the City is looking at that whole ditch as being a problem and could have a joint project to fix it for everyone and lower the repair costs. Air service - great lakes canceled all their flights on Sunday. Need to maintain Denver Air Connection. Council Vice President Richardson stated the rodeo grounds bleachers will go out to bid on October 1st. The City and LOTRA will be working on the arena also. Council Member Calhoun asked to have the Council consider negotiation of the property located at South Second and Main Street.

## 2. Wy Retirement System

David Swindell Deputy Director of the Wyoming Retirement System reviewed a summary report of the system. The City of Lander has 39 retirees in the retirement plan; 13 retirees in the law enforcement plan. There will be a rate increase in the future.

Fremont County Retirement Benefits 2016 \$37.3 million  
Lander Zip Code 82520 - \$17.4 Million - 838 recipients.

## 3. Meeting times

The Council asked to have a resolution prepared for 6:00 p.m. start time.

## 4. Consent Agenda

The Council discussed adding to the consent agenda and putting the bills and claims with the minutes. Pay requests will be added to the consent agenda at the discretion of the Mayor.

Mayor McOmie asked the Council to discuss funding the Riverton Airport Denver Air Connection. The Council discussed the need of funds for various unexpected expenditures. City Treasurer Lara stated the reserve may be about \$50,000, but the numbers are not final. Council President Maestas stated there is a push for statewide commercial air service plan. There is some discussion of promoting an economic tax to be voted on at the next election that would help with the burden of airport. Mayor McOmie asked the Council for an amount to put in the budget amendment for September 12, 2017 to be given to the Riverton Airport Denver Air Connection. The consensus was \$100,000.

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Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

The City of Lander  
A Municipal Corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Del McOmie, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Robin Griffin, City Clerk

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