

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
August 23, 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 Vice President Monte Richardson, Council Members Mark Calhoun, Dick Hudson, Melinda K. Cox

Governing Body Absent:

City Staff Present: City Clerk Robin Griffin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen

1. Staff & Council Updates

Chief Ceclre explained the department is very busy and continuing their parking study on Main Street.

Public Works Director/Engineer Hopkin updated the Council on the High Pressure Water Line Project and Lander Streets and Utilities Projects.

Fire Administrator Nick Hudson explained that the City took two fire vehicles to the wildland fire above Dubois. The vehicles were on location for 28 days and Lander firemen were on site for a total of 1,000 hours. The department air pack grant – lining up vendors for demonstrations. Annual open house October 13 fire prevention week active with kids up to 3rd grade.

Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen stated the Chamber grant is proceeding forward with the committee recommending funding. The Wyoming Business Council meeting will be September 8th. City staff is reviewing I & I plans to place a “slip” line in Fourth Street and Second Street. The City did receive a grant extension from SLIB to allow construction starting this fall and completing the project in the spring of 2017.

Council President Maestas stated he witnessed Governor Matt Mead as he signed a proclamation declaring today as “Wyoming’s Day at the Range.” Governor Mead is promoting shooting sports across Wyoming with these three initiatives: 1) The Open Ranges Initiative will facilitate locally led partnerships to increase access to public shooting ranges. 2) The Wyoming 100 Initiative will recognize the top 100 shooters in Wyoming and 3) The Governor’s Match is a national 2-gun (semi-automatic rifle and pistol) match with some of the best competitors in the country featured.

“Wyoming is a firearms state and we are proud of that,” said Governor Mead. “These initiatives promote safe shooting and participation in shooting sports – whether that’s hunting, target shooting or sanctioned competitions. Working with the Game and Fish Department, the National Rifle Association, the firearms industry and local governments we hope to open more opportunity for people to shoot safely.”

“We have a growing firearms industry in Wyoming,” continued Governor Mead. “Some of those companies relocated here because of our support for their industry. Some are Wyoming entrepreneurs starting a new business. They are helping to diversify our economy – we are glad to have them here.” The “Wyoming 100” is an amateur level competition and will be open to all shooters. Rules for the competition will be posted on the Game and Fish website and on Facebook at “Wyoming’s Top 100.” Competitors must have a Wyoming Conservation Stamp available from the Game and Fish.

Mayor McOmie thanked citizens for patience with construction in the city. The last Lander Live event is this Thursday August 25, 2016.

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Council Member Hudson asked for an update on the work on Phyllis Lynn Drive. Public Works Director/Engineer Hopkin stated the pavement was ruined by the heavy equipment and City will be replacing it.

2. Fieke Van Dyke spoke stating he is a 7 year resident and owner of Global Arts. He stated he has seen a 30% decrease in sales this summer for Lander downtown. He stated there has been a 10% decrease in food industry. Yellowstone had a record tourist year. Mr. Van Dyke was concerned that somehow our town is not grabbing these tourists. He provided a few solutions: reduce two hour parking as the summer progresses; tourists drive through town and do not stop when they don't see activity – so a decrease speed limit may help by 5 miles an hour; and finally make main street pretty again – where were the banners this year? He reported only seeing military banners. He stated the 300 block has lost most of its retail stores, only offices. Mr. Van Dyke stated Lander is the only City enforcing the WyDOT ADA regulations. Mr. Van Dyke also stated a number of buildings located in the commercial zone are not safe.

Council President Maestas explained the belief that tourists do not stop if they are within 5 hours of major destination. State economy is down drastically. Mayor McOmie explained the downturn in Wyoming's economy. Council President Maestas suggested Mr. Van Dyke work with the Chamber of Commerce. Assistant Mayor Fossen invited everyone to attend a public meeting on September 6, 2016 for a Transportation Alternatives Grant to address bike and pedestrian traffic on Main Street. Public Works Director/Engineer Hopkin stated the department has been inspecting poles and checking banners.

3. Additional FAA Funding – Assistant Mayor Fossen explained the FAA has up to \$1.5 million available for the City of Lander to use on the runway project. This will allow the City to finish the design and construction. It does not increase the city's budget obligations, it is still within the budget, but will speed up the process.

4. Subdivision Rules – Planning Chairman Hudson, Vice Chair Rollino and Member Schaff were present to discuss the changes in the rules. The Commission reviewed the rules and made various small changes but not an extensive rewrite.

5. Assistant Mayor Fossen – LEDA MOU – this agreement will appoint LEDA as the economic development organization for the city.

City Clerk Griffin discussed repealing Title 10 and move the cemetery and parks and recreation into Title 12.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

The City of Lander
A Municipal Corporation

By: _____
Del McOmie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Griffin, City Clerk

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