

**CITY OF LANDER
SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
December 27, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

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 Melinda K. Cox, Dan Hahn, Dick Hudson

Governing Body Absent: Mark Calhoun

City Staff Present: Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, City Attorney Adam Phillips, Assistant Mayor Rajean Strube Fossen, City Clerk Sarah Edlund, Treasurer Charri Lara, Chief of Police Ceclre

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Council and Staff Updates

Council Member Hudson, why did we remove the tree on 5th street? Public Works Director Hopkin, It was removed because it was in a ditch and was a drain water issue.

Dick, Can we get an update on the 1 cent projects? Do we know if the county is looking at doing Mortermer lane? There will be projects coming up. Yes they are still looking at doing that road, and we are going to work together with the county.

Council President Maestas the FAST team received several proposals and it looks like it will be moving forward. On the same note as far as LEDA, contacted about company relocations to Lander and proposals have been sent to different locations. There is one company that is specifically looking at relocating to Lander due to our quality of life. They would be a decent size company and would be locating many of their employees here.

Council Member Cox, wanted clarification on the appeal verses a variance. City Attorney Phillips the board ruled correctly as they can only rule on the appeal not the variance. They are two separate functions.

Council Member Dan Hann, I wondering if we are going to re-address the master plan and our future plans for water and have we have made adjustments. Another concern is that there are more and more people building outside the city with cisterns and if we have problems and we don't have the water do we shut down the rural water system? Lance yes that is what we would do. What is happening now is the in-town customer is selling rural customers the excess water. The next would be water restrictions and asking our customers to conserve. Dan, do we have a good hand on that now? There are projects in the works and we are working redundancy into the system. That is why we are looking at the deeper wells. If there is a good snow pack and the reservoir was full then it is not a concern. We are continuously updating our master plan. Dan, will our plant last another 20 years? Yes we are updating old equipment as needed.

Mayor, we are working with the state engineer's office on all these issues.

Cade, on the question of creating new dams are any of our drainages available for these? Some of our drainages are being looked at but we don't have a lot of great locations for that type of project but that doesn't mean you can move it other ways.

Lance we are getting our snow removal areas posted on Facebook. Will try and get the schools done before school begins. Lots of help from other departments. Happy that people came out and sanded on Christmas and right after the storm. Frost depth is at 20" and we are keeping track but will be letting folks know when to start running water. We have seen some trailers freeze up. We have some shallow pipes.

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City Attorney Adam Phillips, working on liquor laws to get them updated and the golf course lease extension

City Clerk Sarah Edlund working on the liquor renewal licenses.

Mayor, on December 31st you can shoot off fireworks in Lander from 4:30 in the afternoon till 12:30.

No further comments.

2. Authorize Mayor to sign agreement with T.K. O Artist Management Inc. to host a concert to benefit the Rodeo Grounds Bleachers

Parks and Recreation Director Sara Felix we do not have the full contract yet. Guarantee is that we would pay 8K which is 4K less than their normal rate. Date would be Feb 10th. 50% deposit 30 days prior and then 50% on arrival. There is also a rider for the lights and staging. We can't advertise until we are approved. Monte, the reason we brought this to you tonight, is that we need to start advertising which we cannot do without your approval to move forward to this. Cade, what is the cash flow on this? Sara Felix that would all depend on how much we charge for tickets. We are going to do it more as a concert than a tabled event. We would like to have a silent auction.

Sara, we would have close to 9K invested in the event. We are thinking \$25 – \$35 a ticket.

Have you looked for sponsors for this, as it can be hard to make money at these events? Joe

Diffy we only made money on this after we received the donations from the sponsors.

City Treasurer Charri Lara, what happens if you have a short fall where do the funds come from?

Sara, I didn't anticipate that to happen.

Melinda, when do you anticipate seeing the full contract? Next week.

MOTION: Council Vice President Richardson moved approve. Motion passed.

3. Approve Resolution for 24 hour Operations Permit for Liquor License holders.

New Years Eve is on a Sunday and we have approved this in the past.

Chief the police department anticipates no issues with this.

Motion: President Maestas moved approve. Council Member Hudson voted no. Motion passed.

4. Tim Fixter, Annual Financial Statement

The letter is a governance letter that says if we had any problems or disagreements that weren't resolved and we don't have any unresolved issues. Issuing an unmodified opinion for a CPA, we had no federal findings. This was a huge improvement from last year. If there ever was a year that that could have happened, that would have been this year. Charri did a good job. We moved our schedule to assist Charri and we came the first week of October. And that gave Charri more time to reconcile. Major impacts, general fund had a 2 mil loan for the fire truck and LCCC. The city paid that loan off and should have hit your income statement but it didn't. General fund had about 130.00 in it as of June 30th. Utility billing was very flat and was close to what the study was predicting good flow of income. Unfunded pension liability 3.6 million dollars, which is a liability for the city but is not a check the city will ever have to write. The states pension funds are doing very well. High pressure water line loan was finalized, 50% of the loan was forgiven. Refinanced the water bond and the interest rate was dropped from 4% to 2%. Some of the legal issues were taken care of and resolved with the projects without incurring too many extra charges. Two findings this year verses last year where we had several. The first one was how that loan was paid off though the cash instead of the income statement. The second one was when the revenue was being recognized from the community center as revenue vs a liability. These were all clarified before the audit was over. I am always available if you have questions. Changes coming up have to do with lease accounting. There are no longer operational leases. Procurement standards in the federal government, will require that the city has written policies in place for procurement procedures that the city will go through. This applies to all federal projects, need done by July 1st, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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ATTEST:

By: _____
Del McOmie, Mayor

Sarah Edlund, City Clerk

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