

**CITY OF LANDER
WORK SESSION MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
240 LINCOLN STREET
LANDER, WY 82520
August 28, 2018**

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, Dick Hudson, Council Member Mark Calhoun

Governing Body Absent: Member Dan Hahn

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

Mayor McOmie Called meeting to order at 6:01

1. Staff & Council Updates

City Treasurer Lara working on the audit

City Clerk Edlund working on the new website

City Attorney Phillips working on golf course lease

Public Works Director Hopkin paving at middle school should happen this coming week

Chief Ceerle we had some traffic issues but most have been figured out.

Public Works Director Hopkin the lagoon project is being advertised this week and hopefully will be installed before winter, as far as streets we are anticipating bidding the project this fall.

The Level II meeting with Wyoming ground water consultants for our well project.

Assistant Mayor Strube-Fossen bid opening today for airport snow removal equipment and it did meet the specifications. Healthy Rivers gave an update for the Commissioners meeting today.

WAM region 4 meeting is in Lander on Sept 12th. The goal sheet is ready and we will begin implementing at a Staff level.

Chief Ceerle, school is back in session and we are in those areas. Staff is in training and two officers in the academy who are doing well. We are working on our grant time. Last week we had a state wide training held at the Community Center.

Council Member Cox, the walking path on Hillcrest looks very nice and is much safer. The way finding signs in our community, if we could get the signs ordered and installed, it would be great for our community.

Council President Maestas, two items: fire hall parking, the public parking that we allow in the outer two rows. But the signs in the parking lot are not necessarily friendly. Also the stripping in the lot is not correct.

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Cross walk at first and main, WYDOT does not support it but I think we need to send them a letter stating that it is a safety issue. The City of Lander has asked for this since 2012 and it has been denied several times due to safety concerns. Chief Cecrle clarification on Jay walking only applies between two intersections with traffic signals but 1st Street is not as there is not a signal on that corner. Council Member Hudson to add to this we looked at having a pathway under the bridge it would assist during flood zones.

Council Member Calhoun, the bike festival was great and we need to recognize the Lander Community Foundation and all of what they do for the nonprofits in the community.

Council Vice President Richardson, Parks and Recreation had a nice picnic last night and getting ready to start up with the light up lander planning.

Mayor McOmie has been extremely pleased with all our staff and the filling in behind vacant positions. The people of Lander have done a great job this year with all of their events and how they have run them this year. We had very few issues that came up.

2. LMC Council Update

Dr. Firth, doctor at the Medical Clinic. I am requesting the City join us, Lander Medical Clinic, in a grant application to build a new facility. The clinic has been here since 1953, and is looking to add services in Fremont County. Our financials have been reviewed by the Wyoming Business Council and we are considered a sound grantee. We have discussed with LEDA for a location. We are working with a designer to build a great building that looks to the future. Public benefit would be that we could expand our campus and offer more for our patients. We would like to develop a specialty area where we could bring in these services. The Enterprise Park location is convenient and we could build a new medical hub for our state. It would also assist in recruiting new providers to the area and creating new jobs for our community. Lander Medical Clinic would like to hire 5-6 providers within the next year and expanding services where currently there is a gap in services here.

Council Member Cox, couple questions who owns that building? The Hedigers are the building owners. What will happen with that building? Not really sure. They are looking at alternatives at what else that building can be. Is alternative pain management is that something you are looking into? Yes that is something we are researching it.

Council President Maestas, from my understanding the property can't be held by the business it has to be held by the city. Yes for at least 5 years.

Council Vice President Richardson, what are you exactly requesting?

The business is completely on the hook for the loan and grant, the city would be the sponsor.

City Treasurer Lara, what is the term of the loan? Normal is 15-20 years with a low interest.

Council Member Calhoun, would the lease stay with LEDA? Yes but if anything ever happens to LEDA the lease would revert to the state.

Mayor McOmie, we have lots of discussions regarding our indebtedness but these loans are nonrecourse so even if the clinic defaulted on the loan the building would go back to the state.

Mary Phifer McKnight, we have a lot of folks who move out of the area due to health care needs, what kind of services are you looking at for our seniors? Dr. Firth, we are not looking

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to create a new nursing home but we are looking at increasing care for these types of community members.

City Attorney Phillips, have you looked at any other locations?

We looked at the state land near the hospital but the Enterprise Park site is our preferred site. It has fiber optic there are other outpatient clinics are located in that area. The guidelines with Medicaid and Medicare rules being so close to each other and what services we are allowed to offer, being so close to the hospital it is a deterrent for us building up there. The hospital did offer space as long as we don't expand our services but we are looking to expand our services.

Mayor McOmie what type of equipment are you bringing in that would be in direct competition with the hospital? Dr. Firth, we don't have any plans to bring in any equipment that would be in direct conflict with the hospital. LMC has a good track record of working with our hospital. The competition is in other towns, where our patients are leaving to go get care. We would like to work with the hospital to retain these patients. We are not looking to bring in an MRI machine.

Alan Daugherty, what is your vision for the future? What is the issue with building on the hospital land? My number one concern is supporting physicians. It is true there are restrictions when located close to the hospital due to federal regulations so they can expand ancillary services. Which are services that the hospital does already provide.

John Larson, one thing Dr. Gullickson is the only FAA doctor in the area and Lander is a big aviation community.

Ryan Hedges, we have looked at that and the training is extensive the problem right now is that our doctors are so busy and trying to find the time to get to that training.

Dr. Firth, I believe Alan on what he says, and if he can commit to being here for the next 30 years I would go that route. But we have had 7 different CEOs at the hospital during my last 9 years here. But only 2 of those 7 have been good to work with. The things that the hospital has planned are all great things. The expansion of our services will depend on the gaps that we have in our community health care.

Ryan Hedges, this site is not finalized.

Council President Maestas, both of these are private businesses and it is not our job to pick a winner. We need to look at the benefit of the community.

Council Member Hudson, when that hospital was built and there was major concerns about the egress to the property that there is only one

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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By: _____
Del McOmie, Mayor

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