

	CITY OF LANDER		
	REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING		
	Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Richardson led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox (Via Zoom), Missy White and Mayor Monte Richardson. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Chief Peters, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Public Works Director Hunter Roseberry, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Councilmember Stuble to amend and approve amended agenda to add: J. Approve Lander Bar/ Coalter Group donation of alcohol to the Lander Pet Connection 501 (c)(3) Gear and Beer Fundraiser hosted at Wild Iris and Item 7. Executive Session concerning pending litigation, Seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR** Public Comment: None

4. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES**

Councilmember White reported that the Planning Commission Open House was well attended. There are some community concerns about the proposals. She commented that obtainable housing is a council priority. Expanding the City limits is expensive, and adding infrastructure is not always financially feasible. She urged the Council to provide suggestions on achieving obtainable housing. Councilmember D Hahn urged people to get out and see the leaves changing. Councilmember Stuble provided a Popo Conservation District, Tree Board, and EE Task Force update, including the Mortimer Lane river gauge, the Tree Board’s first meeting, and a potential solar battery backup system for City Hall. solar battery backup option at City Hall. Councilmember J Hahn congratulated the Lander Tiger football team on their win. Homecoming is this week. Council discussion ensued concerning the terms affordable housing versus obtainable housing, home pricing versus local wages, the number of short-term rentals, and their effect on the availability of first-time homes. The council discussed the issue of capping short-term rentals and how that could infringe on private property rights. Housing is a complex topic.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Public Work Director Lance Hopkin provided an update on a small project by the lagoons. The Water Tank project is almost complete. The City is waiting to fill the new tank and is hooking up measuring devices so there is no waste of water during the leak test. Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube-Fossen officially congratulated Charri Lara on being named WAMCAT Treasure of the Year. This is a statewide award. She read the letter of nomination into the record. City Treasurer Charri Lara commented that the next council meeting will have a budget amendment. She finished the F66, and the auditors will be here next month. She would like the Council to consider a resolution concerning surplus funds.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)**

- A. Approve LIFT Committee recommendation to fund 75% of Balsamaroot Production's \$21,070 request for an award of \$15,803.00 for the purchase of an 8kg roaster, a destonert, and a commercial grinder to increase roasting capacity.

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember Stuble. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approve LIFT Committee recommendation to fund 100% of Slow Food Wind River's \$10,958.00 request for an award of \$10,958.00 to create and fund a marketing strategy for Meadowlark Market.

Motion made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Councilmember Stuble. Councilmember White recused herself as she sells products at Meadowlark and has a conflict of interest. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approve the LIFT Committee recommendation to fund 75% of the Little Green Truck's \$22,797.00 request for an award of \$17,098.00 to purchase another vehicle and build a pop-up counter.

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn, and Mayor Richardson. Councilmembers voting Nay: Larsen. Motion passed.

- D. Approve the LIFT Committee recommendation to fund 100% of the Lander Valley High School Tennis / Pickleball Courts' \$12,400.00 request for an award of \$12,400.00 to purchase fencing and containment netting stands.

Motion made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Councilmember Stuble. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approve the LIFT Committee recommendation to fund 50% of the Lander Free Medical Clinic's \$45,513.00 request for an award of \$22,757.00 for a full-time care coordinator salary.

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember Stuble.

Discussion ensued on funding salaries. Councilmember White commented that this is a non-profit serving the residents and helping our community. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Approve the LIFT Committee recommendation to fund 0% of the Ten Tempura Business' \$7,500.00 request for an award of \$0.00.

Motion made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Approve the LIFT Committee recommendation to fund 0% of 23 Squared's \$7,500.00 request for an award of \$0.00.

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Approve correction of clerical error and re-number previously approved Resolution 1339 to Resolution 1341 Authorizing a Funding Amendment to the Wyoming Water Development Commission for the Wells and Transmission Line 2022 Project.

Motion made by Councilmember Larsen, Seconded by Councilmember Stuble. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- I. Approve Resolution 1342 Authorizing Submission of a Federal Mineral Royalty Capital Construction Account Grant Application to the State Land and Investment Board on Behalf of the Governing Body of the City of Lander.

Public Works Director Lance Hopkin stated that the Resolution needs a correction. The city was recently informed it is only eligible for \$300,000, not \$500,00 and those numbers should be amended.

Councilmember White moved to amend Resolution 1342 and change \$500,000 to \$300,00 and approve. Seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- J. Approve Lander Bar/ Coalter Group alcohol donation to the Lander Pet Connection 501 (c)(3) Gear and Beer Fundraiser hosted at Wild Iris.

Motion made by Councilmember Stuble, Seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:37 PM made by Councilmember Stuble, Seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 6:47 PM made by Councilmember Stuble, Seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Monte Richardson,
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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