

	<b>CITY OF LANDER</b>		
	<b>CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING</b>		
	Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	<b>MINUTES</b>		

**1. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES**

Councilmember White stated that the Planning Commission did not meet. The statewide housing task force meets tomorrow to discuss state legislature items. She was asked to serve on a new subcommittee.

Council President Cox stated that LEDA met last week to work on a strategic plan. She provided an update on FCSD#1's Community Stronger Connections Grant, Parent Resource Center, and Senior Banners.

**2. STAFF REPORTS**

Assistant Public Works Director Hunter Roseberry met with the Wind River Job Corps to potentially start a project in City Park. The motor grader went down today. He further mentioned now is not the time to turn the water taps off.

City Treasurer Charri Lara placed a flyer on the SRF information at everyone's seat. This will go to the SLIB meeting next week with her.

City Clerk Rachele Fontaine mentioned the City is advertising for a part-time, temporary employee for photocopying that was approved by the council last Spring/Summer.

**3. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

- A. Bryan Brown, Summit West C.P.A. Group PC, 2022-2023 city audit presentation

Bryan Brown, Summit West C.P.A. Group PC provided a comprehensive audit report, highlighting the financial health and operations of the City, including discussions on debt margins and the impact of non-recourse debt obligations. The City received an unmodified opinion on its financial statements, indicating a positive financial status.

- B. Chief Peters's annual Police Department update

The Police Chief provided an extensive update on the department's activities, including statistics on crime rates, traffic stops, and training hours, emphasizing the department's effectiveness and community safety. Crime rates have decreased, and the department's proactive measures and training have contributed to community safety. An overview of code enforcement activities was given, showing a high compliance rate with city codes. The performance of the DUI team was discussed, highlighting its impact on reducing DUI incidents and road fatalities. The DUI team's efforts have significantly contributed to road safety. He touched on plans for applying for various grants in the coming year, including updates for body cams, a forensic camera, a new vehicle for the canine unit, and dictation software to improve report efficiency.

- C. Discussion concerning tabled Ordinance 2024-2

Discussion on the rezoning of 431 Washakie from an R5 into a commercial zone. The Planning Commission voted against the change, but staff recommended it. The ordinance was tabled at the last council meeting. The discussion included the reasons for the Planning Commission's decision, the potential for a conditional use permit, and concerns from council members and the public, weighing the benefits of the request against neighborhood concerns and the potential for setting a precedent. The possibility of a conditional use permit as an alternative to rezoning was discussed, with some uncertainty about its applicability to the situation. Councilmembers expressed a need for further information and consideration before making a decision.

**4. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)**

- A. Discussion concerning ordinance updates to liquor licenses and staff bonding

Proposed amendments to the liquor license ordinance, including adding sales tax holds as grounds for suspension and defining entertainment for bar and grill licenses. Councilmembers expressed support for

the proposed definitions and amendments. Proposed amendments to city administrative provisions, including updating council meeting procedures, municipal judge bond requirements, and park rules. The discussion focused on the appropriate bond amount for city officials with access to funds. A suggestion of a \$10,000 bond amount for most required employees was made.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monte Richardson,  
City of Lander Mayor

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Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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Preserving the past, while embracing the future.

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