

	CITY OF LANDER		
	REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING		
	Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 7:30 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. Roll Call. COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, Missy White and Mayor Monte Richardson. COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: D Hahn. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Scott Peters, Assistant Public Works Director Hunter Roseberry, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Attorney Adam Phillips, and City Clerk Rachele Fontaine.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Council President Cox moved to amend the agenda and under #5 Letter A. strike the word first and add the second reading and move the approval of LIFT recommendations #6 F, G and H. to the beginning of the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember J Han. Councilmembers Voting Yea to amend the agenda: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

Councilmember Stuble moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS) (moved forward during approval of the agenda)

- F. Approve LIFT Recommendation to fund Lander Girls Softball League Complex Improvements.

DISCUSSION: J Hahn appreciated the presentation and the breakdown of the requested funds. Stuble proposes tabling this request as she wants to know more concerning the interaction between the City, the FCSD#1, and the Softball Association. Council President Cox commented that no work has been done on those fields since 2008. She also wants to table the motion to get buy-in from other partners. Councilmember White expressed concerns about the lack of shared responsibility with other partners and also favors tabling the motion. Councilmember J Hahn stated the City is part of the property lease and he inquired as to the timeframe for tabling.

Councilmember Stuble moved to table the Lift Recommendation to fund Lander Girls Softball League Complex Improvements until January 14, 2025, with a work session on December 17, 2024, with FCSD#1, the City, and the Softball representatives present to discuss the topic. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

- G. Approve LIFT recommendation to fund Arcade.

The motion was made by Council President Cox and seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Stuble is not in favor of the motion as there is no lease on land or a building. Councilmember White agrees.

Councilmembers Voting Yea: None. Councilmembers Voting NAY: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion failed.

- H. Approve LIFT Recommendation to fund NOLS Fest (60th Anniversary Celebration)

The motion was made by Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Council President Cox.

DISCUSSION: Councilmember Stuble clarified the funding request amount. General discussion ensued concerning the impact on the town.

Councilmember Stuble moved to amend the award amount to \$45,000 and encouraged NOLS to spend as much as possible on local vendors. Council President Cox seconded the motion.

Councilmembers Voting Yea to amend the motion: White, Cox, Stuble and Mayor Richardson. Councilmembers Voting Nay to amend the motion: Larsen and J Hahn. Motion passed.

Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve the motion: White, Cox, Stuble and Mayor Richardson. Councilmembers Voting Nay: Larsen and J Hahn. Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC HEARING Wild West Warehouse, LLC D/B/A Grizzly Bar & Grill Application for a New Bar and Grill Liquor License 692 Main Street, Lander 82520 LOT 11, BLK 13, ORIGINAL TOWN OF LANDER Commercial District

- A. Mayor Richardson opened the hearing at 8:09 PM.
- B. City Clerk Introduced and read.
- C. Public Comment: Charles Woolwine addressed the Council in opposition to issuing the license. He provided statistics on the harm of alcohol and drugs. He commented on the number of drug and alcohol distribution sites within 1.8 miles of Lander. He questions the need for the 27 distribution sites.
- D. Mayor Richardson closed the hearing at 8:12 PM.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

Tecia Martel president of Lander Girls Softball League, mom, and coach wanted the Council to know that the 1/2 tax has put money into private businesses that could sell assets and not keep funds with the original applicant. That consideration should not prevent the award of funds.

Charles Woolvine spoke concerning reproductive rights and harming unborn children. He discussed Grizzly 399 and stated it is illegal to kill unborn grizzly bears but not unborn children.

John Slade voiced his support for the Lander Girls Softball. He is impressed with this board and their tireless efforts to improve the fields and equipment. The City needs to put a priority on our children.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2025-1 Amending Title 13, Section 13-12-1, Street, Right-of-Way, and Alley Excavations Permits to Include Utility Poles.

The motion was made by Council President Cox and seconded by Councilmember Stuble. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, Mayor Richardson and J Hahn. Motion passed.

- B. Approve the second reading of Ordinance 2025-2 granting to Spectrum Pacific West, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, inc., its successors, and assigns, the right, permission, and authority to construct, install, maintain, and operate a cable system, in the designated service area limiting the term of said grant, prescribing the terms and conditions under which said company may operate.

The motion was made by Councilmember White and seconded by Council President Cox. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Approve Application for new Bar and Grill Liquor License for Wild West Warehouse D/B/A Grizzly Bar and Grill, 629 Main St., Lander, 82520, Original Town of Lander Lot 11, BLK 13, Commercial

The motion was made by Councilmember J Hahn and seconded by Council President Cox.

Councilmember Stuble made a Motion to amend the motion and approve the application pending acceptance of the State, Seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve motion as amended: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

- B. Approve Seasonal Equipment Operator Job Description

The motion was made by Council President Cox and seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

- C. Revoke Encroachment License with K&L Investments, 865 N 2nd

The motion was made by Councilmember Larsen and seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn. Motion passed.

- D. Authorize Mayor to sign an Encroachment license for 865 N 2nd, Washkoviak and Elzay

The motion was made by Councilmember Stuble and seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

- E. Discuss and Vote on the Winter WAM Voting Delegate

The motion to approve Council President Cox as the Winter WAM voting delegate was made by Councilmember Stuble and seconded by Councilmember White. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn. Motion passed.

I. Approve suspension of 1/2 cent economic tax fund distributions

Councilmember White moved to approve suspension of ½ cent economic fund distributions, Seconded by Councilmember Larsen.

Councilmember Stuble moved to amend the motion to suspend the distribution of the 1/2 cent economic development taxes through the LIFT program grants and suspend the LIFT committee after the finalization of this funding cycle. Seconded by Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn. Motion passed.

Councilmembers Voting Yea to approve the motion as amended: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn. Motion passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember J Han. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn. Motion passed.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Monte Richardson,
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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