CITY OF LANDER

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM

City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Chad Cassady, Dan Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, Josh Hahn, and Mayor Missy White. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Kelly Waugh, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Kristy Koehn, City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Moved by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member Larsen. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

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

   A. Presentation of Commendations to Lander Police Officers Jason Hanson, Ethan Borchardt, and Shawn McRae in Recognition of Their Life-Saving Actions.

   Chief Kelly Waugh presented lifesaving commendations to Officers Ethan Borchard, Jason Hanson, and Shawn McRae for their response to a July 21, 2026, medical emergency involving an individual attempting to take his own life. Officers Borchard and Hanson immediately initiated CPR and used an AED, and Officer McRae, a trained paramedic, assisted with lifesaving care. Their actions restored the individual's pulse and breathing before emergency medical personnel arrived. Chief Waugh reported that the individual was expected to make a full recovery. Each officer received a commendation letter and a lifesaving pin in recognition of the professionalism, compassion, sound judgment, and dedication demonstrated during the incident.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING concerning the application to transfer ownership and location of Retail Liquor License #6 from the Wyoming Catholic Food Services LLC, d/b/a at 306 Main Street Wyoming to Solstice 12, Inc., d/b/a Baldwins at 388 Main Street, Suite B, Lander, Wyoming.**

   A. Mayor White opened the hearing at 6:08 PM.

   B. Introduce and read. City Clerk Fontaine reported that Solstice Inc. applied to transfer the retail liquor license purchased from Wyoming Catholic College and relocate it to its property at 388 Main Street. The application was advertised as required by statute, and the State Liquor Division confirmed that all required documentation at this point had been received and approved.

   C. Public comment

   Charles Woolwine opposed the transfer of Retail Liquor License No. 6 and recommended eliminating the license.

   Paul Guschewsky explained the history of the liquor license and stated that the proposed establishment would be a small, low-key venue offering alcoholic beverages, mocktails, and light appetizers. He said the business would support economic development, employment, and continued use of the retail space.

   D. Mayor White closed the hearing at 6:25 P.M.

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**

   A. Public Comment

   Jackie Nelson expressed concerns about youth e-bike safety and recommended age, speed, traffic, and sidewalk restrictions.

   Mike Kusieck of Wyoming Pathways discussed proposed statewide e-bike regulations, including age and helmet requirements, traffic enforcement, parental notification, graduated penalties, impoundment, safety-course diversion, and crash reporting.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES

Council Member Larsen reported that the Senior Center received a favorable audit, accepted an interior painting bid, and elected Charlie Krebs as Executive Board President. He also reported on the successful Mayor Monte Community Pig Roast and bike rodeo and discussed juvenile alcohol citations, noting that licensed Lander vendors were not the source of the alcohol.

Council Member Cassady reported on a tour of the golf course, noting weather-related damage, operational challenges, and staff efforts to restore the grounds.

Council Member Dan Hahn stated that he did not believe the number of liquor licenses directly affects the amount of alcohol consumed in the community.

Council Member Cox announced the Chamber Coffee Time proposed developing a community crisis-response team and discussed e-bike safety and prevention. Cox also recognized local liquor license holders for responsible alcohol sales practices.

Council Member Stuble discussed the importance of public input on e-bike regulations, reported changes to the Energy and Environment Task Force's work, and provided an FCAG update regarding tribal representation, governance policies, WRTA service reductions, and regional ambulance-service planning.

Mayor White reported on the planned fire department training module at City Park, the August 10 Challenge for Charities event, housing and Opportunity Zone efforts, and discussions regarding stable funding and expanded recreational hours at the Bruce Gresly Aquatic Center.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Chief Waugh reported on partnerships to improve crisis-care and mental-health resources, the hiring of a new police officer, the August 15 End-of-Summer Bash, and implementation of the new i-PRO camera system at an annual cost $12,000 below the amount approved.

Public Works Director Hopkin reported that Jefferson Street is nearing completion, Lincoln Street work is expected to continue through August, and the Buena Vista project has begun. Staff are working to improve communication with affected residents and businesses regarding closures and access.

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen announced a second Community Housing Forum, reported approximately 60 participants at the bike rodeo, and provided updates on the Senior Center lighting project, the unsuccessful City Park fishing pond grant, and the unmet housing-needs program. Council requested information on the program's application and project-selection process. Staff also discussed continued fire-fuel reduction work at McManus Park.

Treasurer Koehn reported continued work on the audit, grants, and bringing financial records up to date.

8. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

A. Approve transfer of ownership and location for Retail Liquor License #6 from the Wyoming Catholic Food Services LLC, d/b/a at 306 Main Street, Wyoming, to Solstice 12, Inc., d/b/a Baldwins at 388 Main Street, Suite B, Lander, Wyoming.

   Moved by Council Member Larsen, seconded by Council Member D Hahn.

   Council Member Stuble moved to amend the motion to approve the license but not issue the license until the business is operational. Seconded by Council Member J Hahn. Council Members voting Yea on the amendment: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

   Council Members voting Yea on the motion as amended: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

B. Authorize Mayor to sign Lander Municipal Airport Hangar Space Land Lease Agreement for 511 lease with Ed and Lana Hanson.

   Moved by Council Member Larsen, seconded by Council Member Cassady. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

C. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Task Order #2026-01 under contract number 260028, bewteen the City of Lander and Ardurra Group, Inc. for the Apron Reconstruction-Bidding & CA Services project.

   Moved by Council Member Stuble, seconded by Council Member Cox. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

D. Approve Pay Request for Draw 3 for Jefferson Street Extension CDBG project

   Moved by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member Larsen. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, and Stuble. Council Members voting Nay: J Hahn. Motion passed.

E. Approve Pay Request #4 to Gregco for substantial completion on Gannett Peak Safe Routes project

   Moved by Council Member Stuble, seconded by Council Member Cox. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

F. Approve Gannett Peak Change Order 3 for final in-place quantity adjustments per contract

   Moved by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member Larsen. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

G. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Section 00630 Retainage Joint Account Agreement with Wilson Brother's Construction for the Buena Vista Water and Roadway Improvement Project.

   Moved by Council Member D Hahn, seconded by Council Member J Hahn. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

H. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Acceptance of Quote#Q-124016-1 with CivicPlus for Agenda and Meeting Management.

   Moved by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member Larsen. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

I. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Acceptance of Quote#Q-123715-1 with CivicPlus for the City of Lander Municipal Website.

   Moved by Council Member Larsen, seconded by Council Member Stuble. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

J. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed for the Hunt Field-Apron Reconstruction & Replace Beacon Project. AIP No. 3-56-0016-026/027-2026, State Project No. ALN008/ALN019 to Century Companies, Inc. for $3,203,792.00.

   Moved by Council Member Cox, seconded by Council Member D Hahn. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

K. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Juvenile Justice Services of Fremont County Agreement for FY 2026 2027, in the amount of $35,000.00.

   Moved by Council Member Larsen, seconded by Council Member Cassady. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

L. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Acceptance of Quote#Q-147425-1 with CivicPlus for virtual training on the Recreational Management system.

   Moved by Council Member Stuble, seconded by Council Member D Hahn. Council Members voting Yea: Larsen, Cassady, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION Potential Litigation W.S. 16-4-405(a)(iii).

Council Member Larsen moved to enter Executive Session at 7:42 PM. Seconded by Council Member J Hahn. Council Members voting Yea: Cassady, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

Council Member Larsen moved to exit the Executive Session at 8:07 P.M. Seconded by Council Member J Hahn. Council Members voting Yea: Cassady, Stuble, and J Hahn. (Council Member Cox exited the meeting) Motion passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT Moved by Council Member Stuble, seconded by Council Member Larsen Council Members voting Yea: Cassady, Cox, Stuble, and J Hahn. Motion passed.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

The City of Lander

By: ________________________________

Missy White,
City of Lander Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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