

	<b>CITY OF LANDER</b>		
	<b>REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b>		
	Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	<b>MINUTES</b>		

**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 (via Zoom), Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, Melinda Cox, Missy White and Mayor Monte Richardson. Declaration of a quorum. STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Community Development Coordinator Ann Even, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember White to amend agenda item 6C for an award of \$25,000 instead of \$15,000. Discussion ensued to amend this item as it arises on the agenda below. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion made by Councilmember Cox to approve the agenda as presented, Seconded by Council President Stuble. 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 thanked the crews working on Popo Agie Street, they are putting in long days. The Planning Commission continues to work diligently, and housing continues to be a statewide topic. She attended the LIFT meeting to learn about their process and was impressed with their efforts.

Councilmember D Hahn had quite a few people talk to him about the half-cent tax, and they are very concerned about businesses being awarded funding more than once.

Councilmember J Hahn commented that slurry sealing is being done in other areas. Riverton is doing it. He spoke with Powell, and they have been making a type of slurry that is working well. Councilmember Hahn inquired if Lander had investigated these options. Discussion ensued concerning vendors and providers. Lance will check with Powel and see if this is something that might work in Lander.

Mayor Richardson commented that he is glad to see Lincoln Street back out to bid, and reminded people that the Pig Roast for mental health is coming and Senator Case will be a guest speaker.

Councilmember Stuble reported on the E&E Task Force and the League of Women Voters meeting.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

Chief of Police Scott Peters reported that the body cameras came in and are working well. The Police Department server can be done in-house for \$800 by adding to the existing server.

Public Works Director Lance Hopkin reported that the Lincoln Street Project is out to bid again, and contractors have indicated the revised schedule is good. The tank floor is being poured on Thursday. A replacement pump station is being constructed by the golf course.

City Treasurer Charri Lara was asked to sit on the WAM Resolutions Committee so let her know if the council has any strong recommendations. As a reminder, she commented that the LIFT Committee makes recommendations, and the council approves. The Council can access the information from the Airtable base.

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine commented that summer hiring was about completed but the City will be hiring part-time weed and pest employees, The filing window for City Council positions ends Friday, May 31, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)

- A. Approve LIFT's recommendation to fund 100% of Maven's request for \$50,000 to purchase equipment to build a new M1 Monocular at their Lander facility.

Motion made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Council President Stuble.

DISCUSSION: J Hahn believes this is Maven's second if not third request and award. He does not understand awards can be repetitive. Marilyn Fisher from LIFT addressed the council. She explained that under the current guideline one company cannot request funding more than once a year and funding must be for a different project. The Maven project meets those requirements and scored the highest out of all the projects. Council President Cox stated this is a recommendation from LIFT based on the council's parameters. The council will approve or disapprove funding, not LEDA or LIFT. Councilmember J Hahn commented he was directing his comments to the council and how the council believes it is ok to fund public money. Councilmember White stated that applicants can not apply more than once for the same project and this is different, this is the proposal that will have the highest impact increasing sales tax and creating jobs, this is their second request, and if that is something the Council wants to make more clear those people should come forward with proposed changes. To change the criteria today may be arbitrary and capricious. Councilmember D Hahn stated LIFT is doing what they are supposed to do. He does not agree with the structure and there are concerned citizens that tell council members that they want and see things differently. Councilmember Stuble is in favor of funding at this level they have met the requirements as the council has defined. We have recently addressed these requirements and she stands by that.

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

- B. Approve LIFT's recommendation to fund Dandelion Farm's request for funding to purchase a tractor to expand their offerings and move to a larger space at 75% of their \$30,415 request for an award of \$22,811.

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

- C. Approve LIFT's recommendation to fund Lander Lobos Baseball's request for funding to host a Chancy Williams concert during their Pacific Northwest Baseball Tournament at 75% of their \$25,000 request for an award of \$18,750.

Motion made by Councilmember White to amend the motion to approve funding for 100% of the \$25,000 request, Seconded by Councilmember Larsen. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Richardson commented that he believes this type of project should receive priority funding, and Councilmember J Hahn agreed.

Motion to approve as amended made by Councilmember White, Seconded by Council J Han. Councilmembers Voting Yea: Larsen, White, D Hahn, Cox, Stuble, J Hahn and Mayor Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Approve LIFT's recommendation to fund the Climber's Festival's request for funding to expand marketing efforts at 100% of their \$15,000 request.

Motion made by Councilmember Stuble, Seconded by Councilmember D Hahn.

Discussion: Councilmember White noted that part of the request was for wages, and this is their third request for wages. Councilmember White moved to amend the motion to award \$9,500 in funding removing \$5,500 funding for a Marketing Coordinator position. Motion to amend failed for lack of a second.

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

- E. Approve LIFT's recommendation to fund Elemental Performance's request for funding to expand the gym equipment at 75% of their \$20,678 request for an award of \$8,595.

Motion made by Councilmember Stuble, Seconded by Councilmember White.

Discussion: Marilyn Fisher explained the request and the math. Councilmember J Hahn stated he has an issue with funding established businesses that make a profit. Councilmember Larsen agrees with Councilmember J Hahn. Councilmember Stuble disagrees and believes successful businesses can get a boost and the request falls in the guidelines.

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

- F. Approve LIFT's recommendation not to fund Wallace Woodworking's request for funding to purchase new equipment to grow his woodworking and contracting business.

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

- G. Consideration and authorization of Bid Award #E0424 for Mechanical Street Sweeper to low bidder Ameritech Equipment in the amount of \$329,546.00.

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

- H. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Fuel Points Contract #238647 between the Wyoming Department of Transportation and the City of Lander for use of WYDOT's fuel system.

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

- I. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an engagement letter with Summit West PC for audit services.

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

- J. Approve S 24.02, Landent Subdivision replat.

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

- K. Approve donation of malt beverages and alcohol to the Lander Brewfest pursuant to W.S. 12-5-402(a) and as Class A industry representatives

Motion made by Councilmember J Hahn, Seconded by Council President White.

Discussion: The structure and layout of the brew fest were discussed, including the involvement of 30 brewers, six of whom are out of state and require territorial assignments. The process of obtaining malt beverage permits and catering permits was discussed, noting that these are generally approved by the clerk. There is no requirement for an open container permit this year due to a resolution allowing the Pioneer Museum to have open containers through November 1st. There is a new awareness concerning the statutory requirement to approve the donation of alcohol. Brewers and distillers often do not charge a fee or receive compensation for their products.

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

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember Cox, Seconded by Council President 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 7:04 PM.

ATTEST:

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

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Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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