

	CITY OF LANDER		
	CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING		
	Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM		
	City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street		
	MINUTES		

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Pro Tem Stuble led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: John Larsen, Dan Hahn, Josh Hahn, Julia Stuble, and Mayor Missy White via Zoom. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Melinda Cox. STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Scott Peters, Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor RaJean Strube Fossen, City Treasurer Charri Lara, City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine.

2. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES**

Council Member Larsen thanked staff for filling potholes. Popo Conservation District is busy. Solid Waste no updates.

Mayor White reported that LEDA did not have a quorum last week and is rescheduling She is in Washington DC, advocating for Rural America funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Stuble has returned to the Energy and Efficiency Task Force as a liaison. She commented that there are scheduling conflicts with the School Board meetings, making it difficult for liaisons to attend the School Board meetings. The Council may consider whether or not there's a need for a School Board liaison from the Council or if any issues could be addressed between staff. When the new Ward 2 Council person is appointed, there might be more reorganization. A couple of tree Board representatives and city staff met today to review the new ordinance that the Board had compiled from the 3 that we have right now that are contradictory and redundant. Hopefully, this proposed ordinance will be discussed on the April 22, second work session. Lastly, the Tree Board and the Popo Agie Conservation District will be at the Garden Expo

3. **STAFF REPORTS**

City Clerk Rachelle Fontaine provided hiring updates for the City Treasurer and Summer Seasonal positions. She explained that the City is testing the Zoom Webinar platform to stream and record council meetings.

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

A. Ann Clement Wyoming 2-1-1 presentation

Ann Clement Executive Director, Wyoming 2-1-1 presentation. She provided a broad overview of the program and services Wyoming 2-1-1 provides. This program was designed to help people having a personal emergency. They provide Wyoming specific referral program for resources for a wide variety of issues, including food, housing, mental health, tax filing, aging, disabilities, kinship care, and guardianship. They have a call center and website.

B. Hattie Calvert, Assistant Director of Juvenile Justice Services of Fremont County, citation data presentation and budget request discussion for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Hattie Calvert, Assistant Director of Juvenile Justice Services of Fremont County citation data presentation and budget request discussion for fiscal year 2025-2026. In 2024 they assisted with 112 citations; 24 were municipal citations generally not requiring their supervision. Last year, they conducted 72 intakes. They have 60 citations in 2025 citations through the end of February. Their biggest costs are substance-related charges due to the supervision and drug testing costs. They are constantly seeking community service partnerships. There has been an increase in citations for the younger population. The biggest citation group comes from 15-year-olds, with some as young as 12. Alcohol citations are higher this year as well. The program will be requesting \$35,000 in funding again this year (FY 2025-2026).

C. Capital Improvement Project Update

Public Works Director/ City Engineer Lance Hopkin presented a Capital Improvement Project update for projects completed and planned for 2000-2028. Projects from 2000-2015 included the

Smith Water Line, Riverview Water Line, Third Street Slip Lining, Landslide Mitigation Below Buena Vista, Community Center Rebuild, and Wastewater Lagoons. In 2015 there were numerous challenges to infrastructure projects including a failing water system due to pressure spikes over 160 PSI and over 25 water breaks a year, failing sewer system, failing roads with less than \$40,000 in the street replacement fund, paving and crack sealing equipment had been sold, dated building and equipment. From 2015 forward the City has set goals to create plans for repair/replace, leverage local funding for grant awards, use the optional 1% funds effectively, and hire the right staff to help execute the plans. Sewer/Sewer Ponds updates include spending over \$1,000,000 to clean B Pond, 12 million gallons per day peak flow infiltration and inflow, open jointed pipe, failed under water air system and ponds were septic, DEQ and the EPA were forcing ponds to be fixed. Today the water tests in our discharge tests are consistently cleaner than the stream water, Ecoli numbers are down to the single digits, there is no need for UV or chlorine, the city is gaining capacity through digestion, and the city has been able to focus on infiltration and inflow and street infrastructure projects. Improvements include the sewer line from Wyoming Street to the hospital, the waterline on Wyoming street, 4th street sewer lining and reconstruction, 2nd street sewer lining and reconstruction, Eugene Street. The Water System was in failure in 2015. The city was leaking over 25,000 gallons a day, fire flow, pressure and capacity issues, water hammer between 40 PSI and 160 PSI at the hospital, tanks with exposed rebar, cracks and structural failure, single source supply with no back up, the water plant was not able to service water at times, valve, scada and control issues at the water plant, and numerous water breaks throughout the town. The High-Pressure Water Line addresses these issues into Phase 1 and Phase 2. The Water Tank and Pump Station project was commenced. Wells at the Water Treatment Plant were planned. The Water Treatment Plant received updated equipment, including SCADA, added screens, the plant flow control valve was replaced, lined with chemical tanks, removed the UV system, and added flow meters. The Rural Water House was upgraded. Many streets have subgrade and pavement thickness issues. Completed Streets include Dillon Drive, Christina Street, McDougal and Cliff Streets, Jefferson Street 6th -8th, Academic Way, Mt. Hope Drive, Popo Agie -4th-5th Street, Cliff Street 2nd-3rd, 2nd Street Lincoln to Garfield. Mill and Overlay projects were completed on South 7th, 8th Street and Kimberly Court, Garfield, Wood Street, Dillon Drive, South 8th, Smith Street, Sinks Canyon Road 5th to the City Limits, Cedar, Sage, Bellvue, Adams and Washington 5th-6th Street. Chip Seals were completed on Harmony Hills, Dillon Drive Valley View to Christina, Fremont Street 3rd-5th, Washington Street, Community Center. Fog/Slurry Seals were completed in the museum parking lot. Stream projects included 3rd Street and City park, McManus Park, 1st Street sewer abandonment, sewer discharge line, the Main Street bridge, Poor Farm Road, 2nd Street Bridge Enhancements, River Trail, Popo Agie Trout and Stream Restoration, Popo Agie within city limits. Community partnerships included the Chamber Building, Maven, 535 E. Main, Dollar General, Pioneer Museum, Pathfinder High School. Recreation Projects include the Rodeo Grounds, Golf Course, North Park, City Park, Centennial Park Gazebo, Bike Park, Softball Complex, and the Baldwin Creek Elementary Trail. Airport projects completed were the runway, taxiway and apron, cemetery expansion, water line extension, recycled asphalt pavement and building remodels. 2025 projects scheduled include: Lincoln Street, Gannett Peak School Sidewalks Phase 1, McFarlane Drive, Bishop Randall Drive, Meter Replacement, and pedestrian lighting at Baldwin Creek, Gannett Peak and 6th & Wood. 2026 projects planned include: 5th Street Jefferson to Fremont, Baldwin Creek Main Street to the City Limits, 9th Street near the pool, Buena Vista from Main Street to the Airport, and the apron project. 2027 projects planned include: Dillon Vista Subdivision, Cascade Street 2nd Street to McDougal, Welch Street curb and gutter and 6th Street (south of Cascade) 2028 Projects planned include: Fremont Street Sewer, 1st Street from Canyon to Industrial Park Road, fix troubled sewers, address the headworks structure at the Lagoons, and the West Taxiway. Potential 2028-2035 projects: Sunset addition utilities and paving, 9th Street Utilities and paving, 3rd Street Utilities and paving, Jefferson Street 2nd-6th utilities and paving, Clinchard utilities, drainage and paving, Bellvue, Del, Bonnie Brae/Cedar Connection paving, Wyoming Street 2nd to Buena Vista, Garfield 1st to 6th, 2nd Street water and paving, Popo Agie 6th to 7th and Sweetwater 1st to 10th utilities and paving.

D. Ayers Master Plan Draft Presentation.

Nathan Randall and Angela Snyder from Ayres Associates presented the 2025 master plan update. Agenda topics: Our Team, Josh, Lindsay, Angela Snyder and Nathan Randall. Process timeline, Deliverable Timeline, Plan Overview, Community Engagement Process July 18-20, 2024, included 1,385 individual interactions November - December online survey 416 responses, presented a community snapshot, plan elements include community growth, economic development, housing, infrastructure, park & recreation, transportation. Priority Map: Grading

Scale factors include proximity to city and roads, access to utilities, flood risk, slope, and soil suitability. The map identified three categories for optimal development. Priority Area 1 in red identifies prime development areas, Economic Goals and Objectives, Housing, Infrastructure Parks & Recreation, Transportation. Larsen commented that there is a lot of information in this plan and inquired as to a timeline. Mayor White commented that she wants to take time to review the strategic plan and this information and see what appears feasible. Another discussion session concerning adopting the plan and how it might integrate with the strategic plan will be warranted. Council member D Hahn commented the planning board will be involved. It looks good but there is a lot here. This is the City's plan and a living document and can be amended. J Hahn looks good but is only 1400 people versus 7600 people and may not be completely comprehensive. Want the decision to be for the better and not something the City might regret. Action plan lives where? (Consensus Agenda item ??)

E. Chief Peters' yearly police department update

Chief Scott Peters presented the Lander Police Department update. (Mayor White exited the meeting) He thanked the council for the four years he has served and for their service and support. Four years ago, Mayor Richardson hired him for his philosophy and to streamlined operations. In his tenure, he has added approximately 1million dollars worth of infrastructure to the department, such as cars, vests and radios. He has replaced and modernized equipment so that officers are safe in their job. The department pioneered the multijurisdictional DUI team, which is now being used by the whole state. He uses a data-driven approach. The software system compiles the data with click and creates and tracks a map. In 2024 the department made 7,001 traffic stops, up from 3,206 in 2023. Calls and Animal Citations were about the same, Parking and DUI citations were down. 673 VIN checks were completed. Part One crimes were down, with 155 theft citations and 17 other citations compared to 199 theft citations and 19 others in 2023. Domestic violence were about the same at 28, which the Chief believes to be low and under reported. Crashes were down to 177 in 2024 from 249 in 2023. Custodial arrests and arrests were up. Public Intoxication was down, and use of force remained low at 17.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

The City of Lander

ATTEST:

By: _____
Missy White,
City of Lander Mayor

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

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