



**Agenda Item:** Agreement - Lease

**Title:** Consideration of a lease agreement between the City of Laramie and OTTERSPLACE, LLC. for the provision of EV Charging.

**Recommended Council MOTION:**

I move that the Laramie City Council approve the lease agreement between the City of Laramie and OTTERSPLACE, LLC. for the provision of EV Charging and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

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**Administrative or Policy Goal:**

This project supports Annual Goal B, Environmental Stewardship, Milestone #3 “Continue Renewable Energy Installations and/or Efficiencies at City Facilities and Properties” as detailed in Resolution 2020-08, and Resolution 2020-14 “establishing the intent of the Governing Body to immediately reduce carbon emissions from municipal government facilities and pursue a net zero, carbon neutral future for the City of Laramie, WY.”

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**Background:**

The City of Laramie was connected with OTTERSPLACE, LLC. through multiple discussions about the provision of EV Charging in Laramie, Wyoming.

OTTERSPLACE, LLC. is a Wyoming company working to make Wyoming more accessible to electric vehicles. OTTERSPLACE, LLC. was founded out of a desire to serve Wyoming and ensure that Wyoming’s communities are able to develop and maintain electric vehicle charging solutions that meet the unique needs of the rural West. Today, OTTERSPLACE, LLC. works across the state to ensure that EV drivers can access Wyoming’s thriving downtowns, local businesses, and the great outdoors.

Through initial visits with OTTERSPLACE, LLC. representative Kristen Gunther it was decided to bring forward a lease agreement for the provision of initially four (4) parking spaces to provide additional public Level 2 EV Charging in Laramie. The initial vision is for two, two space charging stations at a location to be mutually agreed upon by the parties. The agreement also provides for expansion up to twenty-five (25) potential charging locations to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

The term of this agreement is for ten (10) years and provides \$100 each year to the City of Laramie. OTTERSPLACE, LLC. is responsible for all installation, upkeep, maintenance and electrical service to the charging stations. The City simply provides for the locations for the charging stations to be installed. Locations are currently undetermined however the intent is to land a station in the downtown.

Staff recommends approving this lease as the City will be able to provide a valuable service for an up-and-coming market ahead of the NEVI plan. Staff also believes this may lead to the installation of Laramie’s first DC Fast Charging Station ahead of the State of Wyoming’s NEVI plan.

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**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

N/A

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**Budget/Fiscal Information:****Revenue**

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects		
Loans on Project		
Other	\$1,000.00	\$100/year for 10 years.
Total	\$1,000.00	

**Responsible Staff:**

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**Attachments:**

City of Laramie LEASE AGREEMENT EV Charging 2-13-2023  
City of Laramie - OtterSpace proposal