

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 2, 2018 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Tom Donaldson
Dan Murphy
Pat Rowe
City Clerk Lisa Booth
Legal Counsel Kent Maher
Police Chief Michael Mancebo
Public Works Director Joe Crim

Absent: Mayor Mike Giles
Animal Control Officer Sheri Crim

Guests: Galen Reese, Patty Burke, Debra Reid (Lovelock Review-Miner), Stephanie Rhodes, Patty Basye, Joe Dice, Cassandra Dittus, Ronald Radil, Ed Lawson, Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Victor Mann, and Jeff Munk.

Mayor Pro-tem Donaldson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Councilman Rowe moved to approve the December 5, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION:

After review and consideration of the probable effect that each agenda item for this meeting could have on a "business" as defined by statute, Councilman Murphy moved to make a finding that no item on this meeting agenda appears to impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER-DISPOSAL ACCOUNT DELINQUENCIES / ADJUSTMENTS-REFUNDS:

No action taken.

WESTERN NEVADA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY / LOVELOCK PROJECTS-INITIATIVE LISTING / RADIL

Ron Radil, Executive Director of Western Nevada Development District (WNDD), stated that he and Ed Lawson, President of WNDD, were at the meeting to speak about the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), part of which is a listing of CEDS projects from the jurisdictions belonging to WNDD. A WNDD member submitting a grant to USDA Rural Development can show that their plan is part of a multi-jurisdictional plan, which is what CEDS is, and USDA Rural Development will assign up to 20 additional points to the entity when considering the entity applications for loans. While the additional points do not guarantee USDA funding, they are a factor looked at by lending entities.

Radil stated that having projects on the CEDS project list is very important for funding of all types, and encouraged the City to put any project they may be considering, short term or long term, on the list. Non-profit organizations can also take advantage of being on this list.

Radil said projects currently on the list for the City include the wastewater treatment plant expansion, the 17th Street and North Meridian sewer collection system, and the 17th street lift station force main. Radil encouraged the City to leave the projects on the list if they were not completed and add any new projects the City may be considering. Radil requested an updated project list from the City by the end of January.

LOVELOCK PAIUTE TRIBE CANNABIS PROGRAM

Stephanie Rhodes, Chairman of the Lovelock Paiute Tribe, introduced Cassandra Dittus from the Tribal Cannabis Council who advised her company worked with the Nevada Governor's office to agree with the state government regarding marijuana sales by the Lovelock Paiute Tribe. Even though Indian Tribes are their own independent governments, they are responsible for doing the same thing (laws and regulations) as the state in relation to the sale of marijuana and marijuana products. Dittus said her company helps Tribes to build a regulatory framework to run their own businesses; the regulatory scheme is nearly identical to what the state has done. The Lovelock Paiute Tribe entered into a state compact (agreement).

Joe Dice, a lobbyist for the Tribe, explained that the copy of the compact the City received (from Dice) was not designed for the City of Lovelock; it was only an example of a compact to get a conversation started. Dice stated that compacts between Tribes and cities are not required and many Tribes do not have compacts in place with local governments. The local Paiute Tribe recognizes that they are part of the community and they are willing to offer the City a percentage of the state sales tax they are required to collect. The arrangement is done through an agreement or compact.

Councilman Rowe asked if the Tribe had sufficient law enforcement personnel to take care of anything that might occur in dealing with the marijuana distribution and sales. Dice said that the Tribe will have to satisfy the requirements of the State-Tribe compact in regard to law enforcement. Dice said one advantage of a compact is that the City and the Tribe can share in oversight and work together so that both benefit.

In response to discussion about regulation of marijuana and the locations for marijuana businesses, Legal Counsel Maher pointed out that there can be City zoning in effect to prevent a marijuana dispensary within the city limits, but that does not restrict the Tribe from placing a dispensary on Tribal land.

Dice noted that there is still quite a bit of work that needs to be done before the Tribe is in a position to open a dispensary. A number of items have to be completed on the government side in regard to oversight. Dice said it will probably be several months before anything is started. Dice suggested the next step will be for him to meet with the City legal counsel and the mayor to put something together that could be presented to the Tribal Council and the City Council.

Councilman Murphy said that he felt the City Council had made their wishes known in relation to a dispensary; however, he is not opposed to looking at a compact if it will benefit the City.

Cassandra Dittus added that having a safe place for medical marijuana patients to buy their drugs will be a benefit to them. Each compact is designed to meet the particular needs of the community and the Tribe that are involved, so that all benefit from the dispensary.

No action was taken.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR PROPOSAL FOR CITY TO BE A COOPERATING AGENCY FOR THE BLACK ROCK CITY PERMITTING FOR 2019-2028:

This item will be put on the agenda for the next City Council meeting. No action was taken.

LOVELOCK INDIAN COLONY SEWER PROJECT:

The project is substantially completed and the punch list will continue to be worked on.

Councilman Murphy moved to finish out the grant process and accept the project as substantially completed.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS, LIQUOR & SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSES - BUILDING PERMITS:

The following business licenses were reviewed;

Business licenses:

#903013 - Rusty's Refrigeration - Denise A. Taylor

#903012 - Frans Construction, Inc. - Erich Verheijen (Local manager)

Building permits:

None

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

Patricia Burke - Temptations - Lovers Aloft Balloon Festival - 2/14/18 - 2/19/18

Councilman Murphy moved to approve the special events liquor license for Temptations during the Lovers Aloft Balloon Festival.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

January was proclaimed National Radon Action month.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

None

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Councilman Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 45061.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Munk asked if he could get a copy of the compact (with the Tribe) before it is approved. Munk also requested the city do research on the companies involved in putting together the compact.

Galen Reese asked to have the letter of resignation he submitted to resign from the Planning Board rescinded.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk