

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 7, 2020 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor	Mike Giles
	Council member	Dan Murphy
		Pat Rowe
		Starlin Gentry
		Lisa Booth
	City Clerk	Kent Maher
	Legal Counsel	Michael Mancebo
	Police Chief	
Absent:	Public Works Director	Joe Crim

Guests: Dan Crofoot, Robert Kennerson, Heidi Lusby-Angvick and Charlsie Duffy-Wilcox.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, reported: (i) she will be attending the 3rd Annual Winnemucca Futures meeting at the end of January; and, (ii) the local Economic Development Board met and compiled a list of projects that may qualify for grants from Western Nevada Economic Development District.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the December 3, 2019 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, Council member 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:

City Clerk Booth presented and reviewed the delinquent account list.

No action was taken.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION-REGULATORY LAND USE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION / 1335 CORNELL AVE / KENNERSON:

Mayor Giles commented that this matter was previously brought to the City and, as a result of that discussion, letters were sent to the surrounding property owners advising of the proposal to change the master plan and zoning classifications and requesting comments. Only one response was received, from abutting property owner Neil Gallagher (1355, 1375 and 1385 Cornell Ave.), who indicated he did not want to have the classifications of his three properties changed.

Robert Kennerson, owner of the property located at 1335 Cornell Ave., recounted his recollection of the previous discussions with the City and distributed maps of the property area. Kennerson indicated he still wants to change the classification of his property from commercial to multi-family

because he believes that he is not able to rent the property as it is presently designated due to having to pay room tax on the rental of the rooms.

Council member Murphy stated that the City understands what Kennerson is trying to accomplish, but he (Murphy) does not believe it is appropriate to change the zoning on only a portion of the half block. Legal Counsel Maher noted the room tax is a pass through tax and does not cost the property owner because the tenant pays the tax. Kennerson said when the room tax is explained to prospective tenants, they are no longer interested in renting.

Kennerson said he wants to present some alternatives at a future Council meeting.

No action was taken.

ANNEXATION REQUEST / APNS 007-181-05, -09, -12, -13 AND -18 / DHALIWAL, SELLERS, CROFOOT:

Mayor Giles reported the City received a letter signed by the property owners Dhaliwal, Sellers and Crofoot asking the City to consider voluntary annexation of their properties identified as Pershing County APNs 007-181-05, 007-181-09, 007-181-12, 007-181-13 and 007-181-18. There were no questions or comments.

Council member Rowe moved to refer the matter to staff to start the annexation process.
Motion carried unanimously.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT PROPOSAL / NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT)-CITY / CORNELL-MAIN STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM:

Mayor Giles said NDOT is proposing an agreement with the City for the maintenance, operation and repair of the Cornell-Main Street traffic signal system. To date, the City has paid 100% of the bills for the system. NDOT spoke with Public Works Director Crim about the proposal. According to the Mayor's understanding of proposed agreement, the City will pay up to \$1,500 for the signal light system maintenance, etc. and then NDOT will cover expenses above that amount. After discussion, the Council stated they need more information about the proposal and referred it back to staff.

No action was taken.

NORTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NNRDA) / CITY MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL:

Mayor Giles referred to the calculation of the membership dues which are based on population and feels there is an issue with the City having to pay for the inmates housed at the Lovelock Correctional facility (which are included in the City population count) as part of the membership fee. Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, reported there is the possibility of receiving money from the state which could be used to pay the membership fee. There was discussion about the proposal.

Council member Gentry moved to accept the proposal for the City to become a member of the Northern Nevada Regional Development Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

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PLACEMENT-USE OF RV TRAVEL TRAILERS ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS / STAFF:

Mayor Giles stated that several notifications have been issued to property owners who are in violation of the City ordinance. The owners have 60 days to comply before the City moves ahead with legal action.

No action was taken.

KEEPING SPECIAL NEEDS ANIMALS:

Mayor Giles stated that Animal Control Officer Duffy-Wilcox inspected the 1355 Central Avenue (Barrick) property where a micro pig is kept. The property is in very good condition and the animal is well taken care of.

Animal Control Officer Duffy-Wilcox submitted an inspection report for property at 730 Broadway with 22 chickens; there were no food or water containers or places for the chickens to roost.

Council member Murphy moved to deny the request to keep chickens at 730 Broadway and to direct staff to contact the owner and advise of the Council decision.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Giles reported that an Assistant Animal Control officer has been hired. Duffy-Wilcox advised: (i) a vaccine clinic with Sarah Hummel, DVM will be held on January 9, 2020; (ii) the shelter is participating in the “Pups and Parolees” program with the local prison and four dogs will be graduating and two dogs will be joining the program; (iii) she is certified to do location chips on dogs; and, (iv) she is working on obtaining assistance to help with the feral cat problem.

BROWNSFIELD GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Giles reported that three properties on Main Street and one property in the Industrial Park area have been submitted for program consideration. Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, stated the first community meeting regarding the grant will be held January 27, 2020 at the Community Center at 6:00 pm.

No action was taken

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed:

Business licenses:

#903059 – Robert Thurston – SRT Construction & Home Improvement LLC

Building permits:

None

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

None

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

Mayor Giles proclaimed January 2020 as National Radon Action Month and explained free Radon test kits are available at the local Cooperative Extension office.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Council member Gentry reported a change in his work schedule will require him to work on Tuesday evenings; however, Gentry is hoping to make schedule adjustments to allow him to attend the City Council meetings.

Council member Murphy said there will be a Recreation Board meeting on Thursday.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) there will be a Nevada League of Cities (NLC) meeting on January 14, 2020, and fourteen applications have been received for the NLC Executive Director position; (ii) participating in several conference calls with Burning Man, USDA and CDBG regarding the fire damage on Main Street; (iii) Burning Man has set aside \$25,000 to help with the Main Street fire damage clean-up effort; (iv) meeting with the Pershing County Commission and the Governor's Office of Technology regarding broadband service; and, (v) there is a potential for obtaining a used street sweeper for the City.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 46833.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk