

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 15, 2019 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests: Maria Warf, Jennifer Baird, Belen Hernandez, Charlsie Duffy-Wilcox, Ryan Ferrari, Jeanne Munk, Rita Happy, Heidi Lusby-Angvick, and Brooks Hoffman.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, reported: (i) meeting with Converse Consultants and Sheryl Gonzales with Western Nevada Development District regarding the Brownsfield grant; (ii) a windshield tour is scheduled for October 20, 2019 to start identifying possible sites for the Brownsfield grant Phase I review; (iii) she will be attending a workforce meeting sponsored by Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority on October 24, 2019; (iv) there is a HUD program meeting at the end of October; (v) there will be a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy workshop presented by Western Nevada Development District regarding planning for economic resiliency; (vi) she has been appointed an alternate on the Nevada Works board; and, (vi) on updates to the Highway 95 organization.

Charlie Duffy-Wilcox, Lovelock Animal Control Officer, reported that things are going well at the shelter. Four dogs were sent to the prison program and adoptions are taking place. Community service workers are helping at the shelter and a food donation was received from the Reno SPPA.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the October 1, 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.

Rita Happy appeared and requested to pay \$20 toward her outstanding sewer account on October 16, 2019 and the remainder by the end of the week.

Council member Murphy moved to allow Rita Happy until Friday, October 18, 2019 to pay her delinquent sewer account in full and, if not paid by that date, to disconnect the sewer service on Monday, October 21, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING / SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST / EDUCATION FACILITY ON GENERAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY / 750 CORNELL AVE / HEAD START:

Maria Warf, Inter Tribal Head Start Director, explained that the Head Start program lost their building at the Lovelock Indian Colony two years ago and they currently have a waiting list of 20 children for the program. Under the terms of their grant, a building can only be rented, not purchased. There is a building at 750 Cornell which is available and it can be made safe for children. The plan is to install fencing, cover the lower windows and retrofit the rest rooms so they are handicap accessible. The goal of the Head Start program is to prepare children to be successful at school. The teachers will be licensed.

Mayor Giles stated that a Head Start facility meets the criteria of an educational facility per the City Development Code, and such use is allowed in a commercial zone with a special use permit. Legal Counsel suggested the City include the proposed lease agreement as part of the special use permit.

City resident Jeanne Munk stated that Head Start is a needed program. She suggested that the fencing poles be placed in cement for safety reasons. A suggestion was also made for motion detectors to be installed. Council member Gentry stated that his main concern is ensuring that the facility is a safe environment for children. Warf stated that there will only be one point of entry and it will be locked during school hours. The doors will have push bars, so those inside can get out in an emergency.

Council member Gentry moved to approve the special use permit to allow a Head Start program to operate at 750 Cornell Avenue subject to the conditions and requirements as discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING / NUISANCE DETERMINATION / 750 DARTMOUTH AVE:

City Clerk Booth stated there is still one small pile of weeds in the front part of the property, but the rest of the property is clean.

Council member Rowe moved to make a finding based on the evidence presented that the current conditions of the property at 750 Dartmouth Ave do not constitute a menace to public health and safety.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION AND CONDITIONS TO ALLOW CHICKENS TO BE KEPT AT THE RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 1540 ELMHURST AVE.:

City resident Ryan Ferrari reported that the local doctor is not willing to write a letter stating the chickens are required for his daughter's health unless the doctor performs allergy testing. Ferrari stated he is not able to pay for such a test at this time and has been unable to acquire his daughter's medical records from California.

Mayor Giles noted the original request for a special needs permit was to allow chickens to be kept to provide eggs for health related reasons. Subsequent to the original request, the City received a letter from Ferrari written by a lay person which indicated the chickens were necessary to help with Ferrari's daughter behavior; there was no mention of health concerns.

Ferrari stated that his daughter's health is his top priority. He remarked that many other people in town have chickens and they do not have a special needs permit. He said he is trying to do this the right way. Ferrari has no problem with having his property inspected.

After some discussion, Council member Murphy moved to revoke the special needs permit which allowed chickens at the Ferrari residential property and to direct Ferrari to continue to work with staff and counsel on the animal issue.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ferrari asked what action will be taken against other people in the city who have chickens. Council member Murphy stated that Animal Control will be working on it.

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed:

Business licenses:

#903055 – Jeff Feil – Saddle Shop

Building permits:

#1543 – Nick Pavlovich – Gas

#1544 – Jesse Katsaris – Re-Roof

#1545 – Jesse Katsaris – Shed

#1546 – Philip Benolkin - Warehouse

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

Sherry Coyle – Fall Festival – October 19, 2019

Council member Murphy moved to approve the special events liquor license for the Fall Festival and to waive the fees.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Council member Gentry will be attending the Local Emergency Planning Board meeting.

Council member Murphy reported attending the Recreation Board meeting. There are still issues with the ball field.

Council member Rowe will be attending the Frontier Community Coalition meeting.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) ten letters were sent out to homeowners regarding RVs being lived in on property within the City limits, and they have until November 4, 2019 to cease using the RVs for residence purposes; (ii) the Public Works director ordered one hundred 96 gallon garbage cans and they have been delivered; (iii) the draft forms for use in obtaining an animal special needs permit have been prepared and are ready for review; (iv) he participated in a teleconference with Nevada Rural Housing and learned United Way and Sierra Club have teamed with Nevada Rural Housing to sponsor a book drive in October; (v) Home At Last has helped five families in

the Lovelock area purchase homes in the last thirty days; and, (vi) the Governor's office issued a press release advising of the appointment of three persons to the Minerals Division.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Murphy moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 46639.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

City Resident Brooks Hoffman stated he is working on a service animal project; he is still cleaning his property and he will be making an appointment for inspection.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on November 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk