

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN A SPECIAL JOINT SESSION WITH THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF PERSHING AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.

Present for City of Lovelock:

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

Present for Pershing County:

Chairman	Carol Shank
Commissioners	Robert McDougal
	Larry Rackley
District Attorney	Bryce Shields

Visitors: Lacey Donaldson (County Clerk), Rene Childs (County Recorder), Karen Wesner (County Commission Executive Secretary), Heidi Lusby-Angvick (Pershing County Economic Development), Rodney Wilcox (Fire Chief), Debra Reid (Lovelock Review-Miner), Dave Skelton and Justin Abbott.

Mayor Giles and Commissioner Shank called the City and County meetings to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no comments from the public.

BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION:

The Council reviewed and discussed briefly the probable effect that each agenda item for this meeting could have on a “business” as the term is defined by statute. Council member Murphy moved for the City to find 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.

Commissioner Shank made and Commissioner Rackley seconded the same motion for the County.

Motion carried unanimously.

2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LOVELOCK AND PERSHING COUNTY REGARDING THE 1970-1971 AD VALOREM TAX EXCHANGE AND SUBSEQUENT TAX EXCHANGES:

Councilman Rowe moved for the City to accept the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Agreement between Pershing County and City of Lovelock regarding the 1970-1971 Ad Valorem tax exchange and subsequent tax exchanges as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDougal made and Commissioner Rackley seconded the same motion for the County.

Motion carried unanimously.

2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LOVELOCK AND PERSHING COUNTY FOR SHARING COSTS:

The Council and Commission reviewed the FY 2019-2020 cooperative agreement and agreed as follows for the FY 2020-2021 agreement:

1. LOVELOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Commissioner Shank questioned if a wage increase for the fire chief and ambulance director could possibly be accommodated this year. Mayor Giles stated that the City has not started on the budget process yet and is not ready to make any decisions at this time.

All items stay the same.

2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Commissioner McDougall said the Economic Development Director position has been made a full-time position with the salary and benefits paid by the County, and the City providing the office space. McDougall suggested the agreement language be updated to reflect that the City contributes \$7000 and provides the office space.

County Recorder Childs noted that the Highway 95 money was used to supplement economic development, but those funds will no longer be available.

3. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The County currently does not recognize the chamber. The person in charge was informed by the County that at such time as a list of dues paying members is submitted, the County will again recognize the organization.

This section of the agreement will be marked "reserved" and the existing text removed from the agreement until such time as the Chamber of Commerce is reestablished.

4. ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES:

Mayor Giles stated that the City has received many calls to Imlay and Grass Valley. The City is looking into the possibility of turning the part-time animal control position into a full-time position. Giles suggested the possibility of the County contributing a newer vehicle. The City will provide the County with accurate figures for their budget.

All items stay the same.

5. RECREATION:

All items stay the same.

6. LAW ENFORCEMENT:

All items stay the same.

7. SEWER/WASTE DISPOSAL PICK-UP FEES:

All items stay the same.

8. JUVENILE DEPARTMENT:

District Attorney Shields advised currently there is no juvenile court master; all matters go to the district court judge. The County and the City both contribute to funding a juvenile court master.

All items stay the same.

9. LEGAL SERVICES:

All items stay the same.

10. JUSTICE COURT / MUNICIPAL COURT:

All items stay the same.

11. RECYCLING CENTER:

Commissioner Rackley said the City is currently going out of their way to collect cardboard for recycling and providing the Recycling Center with a dumpster, which is very helpful to the center.

All items stay the same.

Council member Murphy moved to approve the 2020-2021 fiscal year cooperative agreement between the City of Lovelock and Pershing County for sharing costs with changes as discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDougall moved and Commissioner Rackley seconded the same motion for the county.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN-INTEREST TO CITY-COUNTY (NO ACTION TAKEN):

1. Broadband infrastructure development.

Mayor Giles stated that the City is not sure they want to get involved in this project with the State as several things that are proposed will not benefit the City. Justin Abbot stated that what is being requested is information, not proposals. Commissioner McDougall suggested sending a letter outlining the City and County concerns. McDougall noted that in the past four years of working with the State, not much has been accomplished except meetings and more meetings.

2. Increase cost share ratio for fire departments.

No comments by City or County.

3. Abandonment of 9th Street between Cornell and Dartmouth

Commissioner Shank commented the County is considering purchase of the Windmill property on Cornell and other property in the immediate area and questioned if the County purchased the Windmill property, would the City consider abandoning the section of 9th Street between Cornell and Dartmouth. Mayor Giles stated there are several utilities that run under the street in the area and there are storm drainage issues at that location. Commissioner Rackley said the tentative plans do not contemplate construction of a building on 9th Street, but the street would be closed to public access. Legal Counsel Maher noted that abandoning the property will take it out of City ownership.

4. Other matters of mutual concern.

There were no other matters brought up.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Justin Abbot thanked the City and County for trying to work on the Broadband issue.

Rodney Wilcox, Volunteer Fire Department Chief, remarked that having a fire district provides an advantage when it comes to obtaining grants.

County Clerk Lacy Donaldson reminded that it has become difficult to find persons willing to serve on boards and adding another board (fire district) will compound the difficulty.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk