

**THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 5, 2020 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present:	Mayor Council member	Mike Giles Dan Murphy Pat Rowe Starlin Gentry (via telephone) Lisa Booth Kent Maher
Absent:	Public Works Director Police Chief	Joe Crim Michael Mancebo

Guests: Debra Reid (Lovelock Review-Miner) and Heidi Lusby-Angvick.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were no comments from the public, personal communications or correspondence.

**MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:**

Council member Rowe moved to approve the April 21, 2020 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 and noted there is one (1) account which is now paid in full after a small claims case was filed; however, the customer has refused to pay the court costs as ordered by the court.

Mayor Giles said the City received an email from the USDA stating that, if needed, money could be taken from the USDA loan reserve to pay the sewer system loan payments. Paperwork would have to be filed and the money would have to be repaid at some time.

No action was taken.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN PROPOSALS-RATES / FY 2020-2021:**

Mayor Giles stated that the City is currently paying \$795 per employee per month for health, dental, vision and life insurance coverage. A & H Insurance informed the City that dental, vision and life insurance premiums will be the same as last fiscal year. They offered two options regarding health insurance: (a) keep the current plan with a 16% increase in premium cost; or, (b) use a plan with a higher deductible and a premium increase of 7.3%. Giles reminded the Council that the City pays 100% of the employee insurance.

Council member Rowe moved to authorize the proposed health insurance plan with a higher deductible, plus dental, vision and life insurance as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT / LOVELOCK RAIL PASSENGER STOP / RAIL PASSENGER ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA:**

Mayor Giles reported the City received an email from Paul Dyson, Vice President of Rail Passenger Association of California and Nevada, requesting a letter of support to reinstate a rail passenger stop in Lovelock on the California Zephyr train route. According to Dyson, it is a long process involving many steps and government entities; however, it could be a good thing for the City if the stop is reinstated.

Council member Murphy moved to authorize a letter of support on behalf of the City for the rail stop reinstatement proposal.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BROADBAND EXPANSION / GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:**

Mayor Giles and Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, were contacted by the Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Information and Technology who requested that Lusby-Angvick be the contact person to receive request for information proposals the state will send out regarding installation of broadband in rural areas, including Pershing County. Neither Giles nor Lusby-Angvick have seen a copy of the RFI, but a copy of the format was sent. Both Giles and Lusby-Angvick indicated the proposal format raises many questions, and there are significant concerns regarding the proposed waiving of franchise fees and offering incentives that the City is not able to offer. Legal Counsel Maher questioned who is going to pay for the infrastructure that is required. Council member Murphy stated that this issue has been discussed with the state for three years and no progress has been made. After discussing the issue at length, the consensus of the Council is that the City is not in a financial position at present which will allow the City to participate in the program.

No action was taken.

**GUIDELINES-RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUSINESS RE-OPENING:**

Mayor Giles stated the Nevada League of Cities has requested membership on the committee being established by the Governor's office to develop proposals for reopening non-essential businesses in the state. There is no word yet if the NLC was appointed as a committee member. Council member Murphy stated that he believes Pershing County meets all the criteria for Phase 1 of the Governor's recommended guidelines for reopening non-essential businesses. The criteria are: (1) show a downward trend in COVID-19 cases; (2) healthcare infrastructure will not be overloaded; (3) testing is in place; (4) case contact tracing is in place; and, (5) providing protections for a vulnerable population. Murphy feels the City should promote best practices and common sense. Murphy also questioned what authority the City has regarding enforcement of compliance with the guidelines. Legal Counsel Maher stated that the City has no actual authority to enforce the guidelines; the state promulgated the guidelines and the authority, if any, is with the state. Council member Murphy suggested this item be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

No action was taken.

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**PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH RULES-POLICIES FOR PLACEMENT AND USE OF RV TRAVEL TRAILERS ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS AS AN ACCESSORY USE FOR SEMI-PERMANENT AND PERMANENT LIVING QUARTERS:**

Mayor Giles reported that there has been no activity with RVs being used for residential uses for several weeks. The Council agreed this item can be removed from future agendas.

No action was taken.

**BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT:**

Mayor Giles reported that two of the properties in town that have been tested were given a clean bill of health. One of the owners will also be having their property tested for lead paint and asbestos.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed:

Business licenses:

None

Building permits:

#1569 – Matthew Jurad – Gas

#1570 – Steven Evenson (Joann Cash) - Gas

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

None

**PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:**

There were no proclamations or awards.

**STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:**

Council member Murphy reported the Recreation Board meeting was cancelled.

Council member Rowe asked about weed letters. Mayor Giles stated that 34 letters have been sent out and City employees have started spraying weeds.

Mayor Giles reported: (1) Kimbly-Horn has submitted a new plan for the vehicle charging stations proposed for the Safeway parking lot and the topic will be on the next City Council agenda; (2) the City received a request from the Nevada League of Cities on the amount of actual expenditures and the expected expenditures on COVID-19 related matters as well as a report on the estimated lost revenue, all of which was discussed with the City auditor who indicated revenues may be down anywhere from 10 to 25%; and, (3) receiving an email from Donna Squires with ASC Risk Management regarding the burned buildings. Only one of the certified letters sent by the City to the property owners has been picked up. The risk manager consulted with an engineer and indicated an inspection of the outside of the building which remains standing may provide some idea of the status of the inside of the building.

**VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:**

Council member Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 47104.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Debra Reid, Lovelock Review-Miner, asked for clarification on the project proposed for the Safeway parking lot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on May 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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Michael R. Giles, Mayor

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Lisa Booth, City Clerk