

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 21, 2020 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Guest: Debra Reid (Lovelock Review-Miner).

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 7, 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.

No action was taken.

REQUEST TO ENGAGE THE PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES OF EIDE BAILLY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET:

Mayor Giles explained that this is an item that was brought up at the last meeting, but it was not on the agenda for discussion or action.

Council member Murphy moved to engage the professional accounting services of Eide Bailly to provide support and assistance with the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

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PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO WAIVE OR REDUCE THE SEWER USE FEES AND/OR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEES FOR BUSINESSES CLOSED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS:

Mayor Giles reported that the question of waiving or reducing the sewer and waste collection fees for businesses impacted by the Governor's executive order closure due to the COVID-19 virus was brought up. Giles noted that even though some businesses have closed, the daily sewer flow rates have not changed significantly, waste collection services are down somewhat and some of the closed businesses are still using the utility services intermittently. The City has not received any kind of waiver from the USDA (for the sewer system improvement loan) and will still need to make the monthly payments which are paid from the sewer use fees.

Legal Counsel Maher noted that the City ordinances now in effect do not provide the Council with authority to suspend or waive the sewer use or waste collection fees. The ordinances will have to be changed if such authority is to be provided. That procedure requires the publication of hearing notice and public hearing process. Some businesses were compelled to close by the order, but it is reported there are apparently some businesses that elected to close even though they were not required to do so.

Council member Murphy stated that until the City receives or is eligible for some type of restitution from the federal or state government, he recommends no action be taken.

No action was taken.

RULES-POLICIES FOR PLACEMENT-USE OF RV TRAVEL TRAILERS ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS AS AN ACCESSORY USE FOR LIVING QUARTERS:

No action was taken.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Giles reported that assessments are continuing on the Phase I properties.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed:

Business licenses:

None

Building permits:

- #1564 – Lovelock Garden Apt – Electric
- #1565 – Lovelock Garden Apt – Electric
- #1566 – Abraham Gonzalez-Esqueda – Re-Roof
- #1567 – Sheena Waters – Electric
- #1568 – La Casita/Alicia Dyer - Gas

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

None

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

City Clerk Booth reported that the tentative budget has been approved by the Department of Taxation.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) he participated in the executive board meeting for the Nevada League of Cities which would like to have a voice in how the CARES Act funds are used; and, (ii) the POOL-PACT meeting was held via webinar this year and among the matters discussed were: (a) the significant increase in worker's comp claims; (b) that POOL-PACT liability insurance costs may increase up to 14%; and, (c) the contract for Human Resource support was extended for five years.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 47076.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk