

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 18, 2020 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests: Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Bernie Schneider, Steve Peters and Lucy Peters.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority (PCEDA) Executive Director, reported: (i) the Build NV core construction class started with fourteen people enrolled at a cost of \$500 per person and scholarships are available; (ii) attending the Grass Valley Advisory Board meeting; (iii) there will be virtual meetings held with Senator Rosen on August 24, 2020 and Senator Cortez-Masto on August 27, 2020; (iv) PCEDA applied for a competitive grant through the National Science Foundation; (v) the Broadband RFIs have been received; and, (vi) eighty-seven people submitted comments during the Brownfields grant virtual tour.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the August 4, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING-NUISANCE DETERMINATION / PROPERTIES AT 735 WESTERN AVE., 805 WESTERN AVE., 895 WESTERN AVE. AND 945 ELHMURST AVE.:

Pictures taken earlier in the day by the police department were provided and reviewed. City Clerk Booth said she viewed the 805 Western Ave. property and it is cleaned.

Council member Murphy moved to make a finding that based on the evidence presented the condition of the property at 895 Western Ave. does not constitute a nuisance or a menace to public health and safety.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Murphy moved to make a finding that based on the evidence presented the condition of the property at 805 Western Ave. does not constitute a nuisance or a menace to public health and safety.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Murphy moved to make a finding that based on the evidence presented the condition of the property at 735 Western Ave. does not constitute a nuisance or a menace to public health and safety.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Rowe moved to make a finding that based on the evidence presented the condition of the property at 945 Elmhurst Ave. does constitute a nuisance and directed staff to notify the owner that the property must be cleaned by September 1, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING-NUISANCE DETERMINATION / PROPERTIES AT 715 WESTERN AVE., 1565 GRINNELL AVE. AND APN 001-221-12 (WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS):

Pictures taken earlier in the day by the police department were provided and reviewed.

Council member Rowe moved to make a finding that APN 001-221-12 (Western Communications) constitutes a menace to public health and safety and directed staff to notify the owner that the property must be cleaned by September 1, 2020 or the City will clean the property and bill the owner.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Murphy moved to make a finding that based on the evidence presented the condition of the property at 1565 Grinnell does not constitute a nuisance or a menace to public health and safety.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Rowe moved to make a finding that based on the evidence presented the condition of the property at 715 Western does not constitute a nuisance or a menace to public health and safety.

Motion carried unanimously.

CARES ACT FUNDING-FUNDS DISTRIBUTION / RELIEF FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN:

Mayor Giles reported that the Coronavirus Relief Fund Eligibility Certification and Terms and Conditions documents were submitted to the Governor's office; however, no money will be released until a plan on how the funds will be used is submitted. The plans must be submitted by September 1, 2020. Giles questioned if the City wants to help with payment of the sewer fees for businesses that were closed. The Pershing County School District would like to receive some of the funds, if possible. Council member Murphy (an employee of the district) commented on the list of needed items the district put together.

No action was taken.

BENEFITS PAYMENTS / ACCRUED SICK LEAVE-VACATION / COLE CRIM-MARK PILON:

Council member Murphy moved to approve payment for the accrued sick leave and vacation hours for former City employees Cole Crim and Mark Pilon per current City policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

BENEFITS PAYMENT / REMSA-CARE FLIGHT RENEWAL:

Council member Rowe moved to continue the insurance for employees through the REMSA-Care Flight program and to authorize payment of the premium.

Motion carried unanimously.

GUIDELINES-RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUSINESSES SAFE RE-OPENING:

Mayor Giles reported there was an additional Covid-19 case reported for Pershing County.

No action was taken.

PROPOSALS-RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROVIDING PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES:

Mayor Giles advised the City public works department is currently shorthanded and there are currently no applicants for the vacancy. Giles suggested the City consider the possibility of outsourcing the mechanical vehicle maintenance work. The police department is down to two police officers. A meeting was held with the Pershing County Sherriff, the District Attorney and County Commissioner Shank to discuss several different scenarios for providing public safety services. Police Chief Mancebo commented that the City will likely need to raise the starting wage in order to attract new hires. Giles noted there will be a joint City-County meeting August 26, 2020 to discuss public safety and other matters of mutual City-County concern.

No action was taken.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Giles reported the quarterly meeting scheduled for August 13, 2020 was cancelled.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed:

Business licenses:

None

Building permits:

#1594 – Jim Reitz – Electrical

#1595 – C Punch Ranch Inn & Casino - Electric

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

None

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

City Clerk Booth reported the auditors will be here this week and it is possible the City may not be subject to a single audit this year.

Mayor Giles reported there is now (after the inspection by SPB Utility Services) a sewer plant fix-it list which includes the air leak. The contractor that built the sewer plant looked at the air leak problem and will provide a quote for the repair. The source of funds to pay the repair costs is being discussed with the City auditor. The Council may need to consider a sewer rate increase. The sewer plant computer monitoring system is in need of upgrade as the current one is twenty years old. Public Works Director Steve Peters noted there is a very long lead time for obtaining the pumps used at the sewer plant and suggested it is a good idea to have an extra pump on hand. Giles further advised: (i) the Broadband RFI process is on hold until later on this fall; (ii) he attended the Coeur construction kick-off webinar and heavy construction work is scheduled to begin in 2021; and, (iii) the Nevada League of Cities requested member cities write to the Nevada congressional delegation to request the 2020 census deadline be extended.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 47340.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bernie Schneider thanked the City for the copy of the old bank building inspection letter. Schneider questioned if the area around the burned property may be considered a nuisance and if the City could be liable if something happened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk