

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 PERSHING COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON AUGUST 26, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.

Present for City of Lovelock:

Mayor	Mike Giles
Council members	Dan Murphy Pat Rowe
Legal Counsel	Kent Maher
Police Chief	Michael Mancebo

Absent for City of Lovelock:

Council member	Starlin Gentry
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Present for Pershing County:

Chairman	Carol Shank
Commissioners	Robert McDougal (via telephone) Larry Rackley
District Attorney	Bryce Shields
Sheriff	Jerry Allen

Visitors: Lacey Donaldson (County Clerk), Rene Childs (County Recorder), Rusty Kiel (LMWD), Ryan Collins (PCWCD), Rodney Wilcox (LVFD Fire Chief), Debra Reid (Lovelock Review-Miner), Steve Peters (City Public Works Director), Darrell Mancebo (LPD Sergeant), Katie North (Juvenile P&P), Jennifer Ward, Jim Bessey and Justin Abbott.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no comments from the public.

BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION:

The Council reviewed and briefly discussed 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.

CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was discussion on the best option for the City Police Department and the County Sheriff Department to provide law enforcement services to the residents of Lovelock and Pershing County, including: the County covering the City as part of their normal coverage; the County billing the City for the City shifts covered by the County; the allocation of City and County personnel to various shift times; combining services under one entity; the cost associated with the various options; and, the budget funds available for the public safety function. The consensus of the City and County was that there needs to be more in-depth consideration of staffing levels and more detail on the associated costs and the budget funds each entity could provide.

A meeting of City and County representatives to review the staffing and budget questions was tentatively scheduled for 5:00 pm Tuesday September 1 at the City Hall. No action was taken.

CITY-COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL:

Mayor Giles stated that he had outlined the basic services the City could provide for animal control services in the County and suggested that they be placed into a memorandum of understanding or included as part of the annual City-County cost sharing agreement.

Commissioner Shank suggested the services could be added to the annual cost sharing agreement.

No action was taken.

ABANDONMENT OF 9TH STREET BETWEEN CORNELL AND DARTMOUTH:

Commissioner Shank explained that the County was considering a purchase of the former Windmill property to expand their law enforcement facilities and wants to know if the City will consider the abandonment of 9th Street to allow connection to the existing law enforcement facility across the street. City representatives commented that there are some utilities infrastructure in the right of way which could be of concern. The County representatives said they did not feel the utilities in the street will be a problem.

Commissioner Rackley stated the County needs to know the City position in advance because it will determine if the County proceeds with the property acquisition.

The County requested the City to discuss the proposal. Mayor Giles said it will be on the next available City Council meeting agenda.

No action was taken.

SERVICING CITY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT WITH COUNTY PERSONNEL:

Mayor Giles explained that with recent changes in the public works department, he was trying to provide some options for servicing City vehicles and equipment. One possibility is to have the County personnel provide the labor at the County facilities and the City provide the parts and supplies.

Recorder Childs stated that the road department charges \$32.00 an hour for labor plus parts.

The County will contact Dan Hill at the County road department and discuss the possibilities and potential costs.

No action was taken.

OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL CITY-COUNTY CONCERN:

Mayor Giles commented that he had three matters which should be noted: (i) the Census deadline is quickly approaching and there does not appear to be enough time to gather all the information; (ii) the future of the Northern Nevada Regional Development Authority (NNRDA) and the participation by the City and County in the authority; and, (iii) there is a meeting of the Elko County Commission on September 17 to discuss the recent proposals promulgated by the State Legislature concerning the taxation of the proceeds from mining.

Commissioner McDougal said that he and Council member Rowe are on the NNRDA board and there has been some discussion about combining Humboldt, Pershing and Churchill counties to form an association similar to the former Highway 95 entity.

Commissioners Rackley and Shank said they were not aware of the Elko County Commission on September 17 meeting. Shank said was going to try to find out more information.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fire Chief Wilcox stated that he thinks that the Fire Department should be absorbed into just one entity.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk