

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 6, 2020 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Jonathan Reynolds, Shane Carruth, Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Lucy Peters, Mark Pilon, Bernie Schneider, Jennifer Ward, Virginia Rose, Galen Reese, Russell Fecht and Michael Ward.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, stated that West Coast Salmon announced the construction beginning in 2021 of a facility in Pershing County to raise fish for marketing. The City of Winnemucca and Humboldt County are exploring the possibility of creating a new regional development district and will be discussing with Pershing County and the City of Lovelock the potential of their participation in the district.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the September 15, 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. There are two pending disconnects.

No action was taken

CURB PAINTING-PAINT MATERIALS REQUEST:

Shane Carruth proposed having missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and possibly the Boy Scouts and other youth groups paint house numbers on the street curbs as a service project. Carruth asked the City to consider providing the materials, but he does not have a cost estimate. Carruth noted he has attempted without success to contact the fire chief to get the requirements for the size and location of the numbers.

The Council members commented that the street numbering is something that needs to be done.

Galen Reese remarked that when the Lions Club did the same service project a few years back, they received monetary donations for supplies from some property owners.

Council member Rowe moved to authorize the project to paint house numbers on the City street curbs and to have the City will provide the materials.

Motion carried unanimously.

NUISANCE DETERMINATION / PROPERTY LOCATED AT 230 MAIN STREET, 250 MAIN STREET AND 260 MAIN STREET / ORDER TO ABATE NUISANCE:

Mayor Giles explained the City responsibility regarding an alleged nuisance per the Lovelock Municipal Code. Todd Plimpton, owner of the properties at 250 and 260 Main Street, joined the meeting via teleconference. No one appeared on behalf of the owners of the property at 230 Main Street.

Mayor Giles asked Plimpton to comment on the plans for cleaning the debris (from the November 2019 fire which completely demolished the existing structures on the properties). Plimpton stated he appreciates the City and the County and their efforts to work with him. Plimpton advised that the property was insured for the 23 years he owned the property until the carrier cancelled the policy and he was in the process of procuring a new policy when the fire occurred. Without insurance, there were no funds available for a clean-up. Plimpton said he wants to get the property cleaned up, but he will require some sort of assistance.

Mayor Giles noted the debris on the properties was tested and no actionable levels of asbestos were found. Giles was informed there may be grant funding available from the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to assist with the clean-up, but he does not have all the information at this time. Giles suggested there had been some interest from volunteers who could possibly be used to help clean the property.

After some discussion about the condition of the property, Council member Gentry moved to: (i) find that a nuisance exists on the Main Street properties; (ii) order the properties be cleaned; and, (iii) revisit the property status in sixty (60) days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bernie Schneider questioned if the NDEP grant is available to the public.

CITY EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE:

Council member Murphy stated that he made the motion at the prior Council meeting to authorize various pay increases for City employees based on discussions that took place during the budget process, but some of the information was not made clear and needed clarification. Murphy reviewed the correct pay increase information with the Council. City Clerk Booth expressed concern about the amounts of the raises and how they were determined. Murphy explained the rationale for the pay increases.

After some discussion, Council member Murphy moved to approve the pay raises for employees of Public Works Department, the Public Safety Department and the Administration Department as presented, retroactive to the later of July 1, 2020 or the employee hire date.

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY BUILDING CODES UPDATE:

Mayor Giles reported that he and City staff met with Mark Hauenstein, the City consultant and building plans checker, on September 22, 2020 to discuss the building codes for the City.

Hauenstein recommended the City use the same versions of the building codes as Pershing County (the County also uses Hauenstein as a consultant). The County is currently using the 2012 versions of the building codes and the State of Nevada is currently using 2018 building codes.

Council member Rowe moved to direct staff proceed with updating the City building codes to the 2012 versions with local modifications as needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

CARES ACT FUNDING / DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS / CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS EXPENDITURE PLAN:

Mayor Giles reported approval was received from the Governor's Finance Office for the City expenditure plan. Letters were sent to businesses in the City to offer funding for the business sewer and garbage bills for the months of March, April, May, and June.

Russell Fecht, Pershing County School District Superintendent, expressed appreciation to the City for including the school district in their plan.

No action was taken.

GUIDELINES-RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUSINESSES:

Mayor Giles said several phone calls were received regarding whether trick-or-treating will take place on Halloween and noted it is a County determination which will be considered at the next County Commission meeting.

No action was taken.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Giles reported receiving a report on the former Bernd Hotel (City-owned property) which indicated no underground fuel or oil tanks were found.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed:

Business licenses:

- #903085 – Mobile Notary Services – Gregory R. Anderson
- #903086 – Jaquay Enterprises – Michelle Jaquay
- #903087 – Harvest Moon Creations – Courtney Gnativk

Building permits:

- #1605 – Vernon-Julia Scilacci – Electric
- #1606 – Allen-Christine Ballard – Re-Roof
- #1607 – Jeff Johnson – Electrical

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

None

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Police Chief Mancebo reported there is a possible candidate for a City police officer position.

Council member Murphy reported that a representative from POOL/PACT (the City liability and workers comp insurance provider) examined the swimming pool and discussed what needs to be done to determine why the pool does not hold water and offered suggestions on how to better add chlorine to the pool. The initial finding suggests there is a problem in the piping system and pressure testing the pipes is the next step. Murphy requested a report by November 5, 2020.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) the City received a letter from the Department of the Interior regarding the project proposed by Ormat; (ii) registration is open for the Nevada League of Cities virtual meeting in November; (iii) meeting with County Commission Chairman Shank to discuss reopening the recycle center; (iv) the "Welcome to Lovelock" signs are getting dingy and a quote for \$1275 to repaint the signs was received; and, (v) the City should consider updating the animal control and licensing rules, particularly in regard to service animals.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 47466.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Galen Reese requested that the building damaged by the City garbage truck have plywood placed over the damaged area and that the potholes in the alleys be filled in.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk