

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: There were no city officials absent.

Guests: Lucy Peters.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Giles said the city received a letter from the U.S. Department of the Interior stating an environmental impact statement has been released on the Relief Canyon mine expansion.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the January 5, 2021 regular City Council meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Rowe moved to approve the January 19, 2021 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 Gentry 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 is one pending disconnect. Payment has been received by two of the three customers that requested an extension.

No action was taken.

PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION / CITY CLERK OFFICE:

Mayor Giles recommended the city start the advertising and solicitation to fill the part-time office assistant position which will soon be vacant, noting that the hiring pool in Lovelock is not good at the moment. Giles recommended that the current deputy city clerk be cross trained and updated on the functions of both the part-time office assistant position and the city clerk position

(which will be open later this year), so that there is someone in the office who is familiar with the functions of both positions.

Council member Gentry moved to approve advertising and soliciting for a part-time office assistant position in the city clerk's office with a cutoff date for applications of February 26, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROPOSAL / 810 FRANKLIN AVE.:

Mayor Giles reported that the Episcopal Church is interested in selling the church-owned property located at 810 Franklin Ave. Giles suggested if the city can acquire the property it will give the city a bigger footprint on the block for future public use. Giles recommends the city authorize the mayor and legal counsel to negotiate for the possible acquisition of property. The property is eligible for a Brownfields Grant inspection.

Council member Rowe moved to authorize Mayor Giles and Legal Counsel Maher to negotiate for the acquisition of the Episcopal Church property located at 810 Franklin Ave. in Lovelock.

Motion carried unanimously.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT:

The Brownfields Assessment Grant quarterly progress report for the 4th quarter was distributed and reviewed.

Mayor Giles reported receiving a report on the procedure to be used to clean up the bookstore property on Main Street that was burned and destroyed.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed:

Business licenses:

#903093 – Lovelock Suite Spot – David and Denise Quirk

#903094 – Thomas and Geraldine Malloy – Thomas and Geraldine Malloy

Building permits:

#1631 – Ryan Ferrari - Electric

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

None

No action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

Mayor Giles proclaimed January 2021 as National Radon Action Month and explained free Radon test kits are available at the local Cooperative Extension office.

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STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Council member Gentry remarked he was contacted by the county and asked if he knew he was the chairman of the recycle board. Gentry advised the county that he did not believe that he was the board chairman. Mayor Giles noted the recycle center board matter is on the county commission meeting agenda for their next meeting.

Council member Reynolds stated that the Recreation Board meeting was cancelled. Reynolds will be attending a Regional Transportation Commission meeting at the end of February.

Council member Rowe reported attending a Pershing County Economic Development Association meeting. Rowe suggested some kind of celebration or acknowledgement should occur when the cleanup begins on the burned property on Main Street.

Public Works Director Peters reported the public works crew is doing their best to keep up, even though they are shorthanded. Trees have been cut down at the strip park to allow the power poles to be moved by NV Energy. The wood from the cut trees will be moved to the city shop for the time being.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) SPB Utility Services was in town on Saturday to work on the computer system upgrade at the sewer plant; (ii) the animal control officer is applying to participate in an online veterinary medicine course to assist with performing the animal control officer duties; (iii) receiving a letter from Governor Sisolak regarding capital projects needed in our area; (iv) a joint meeting with the county commission regarding interlocal agreements and cost sharing items will be scheduled for the end of February or first of March; (v) FCC is working on the updates to the council chambers; and, (vi) the county purchased the old Windmill property at 925 Cornell Ave.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 47806.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk