

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 CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM ON FEBRUARY 25, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M.

Present for City of Lovelock:

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

Present for Pershing County:

Commission Chair	Larry Rackley
Commissioners	Carol Shank
	Shayla Hudson
County Clerk	Lacey Donaldson
District Attorney	Bryce Shields

Visitors: Rene Childs (County Recorder), Lauri Basso-Cerini (County Assessor), Karen Wesner (County Commission Executive Secretary), Heidi Lusby-Angvick (Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director), Rodney Wilcox (Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department Chief), Russell Fecht (Pershing County School District Superintendent), Tom Donaldson, Chad Chambers, Jesse Katsaris, Karen Stephens (Justice of the Peace), Marti Nolan, and Don Vetter (via teleconference).

Mayor Giles and Commission Chair Rackley called the City and County meetings to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public comments, personal communications or correspondence.

WESTERN NEVADA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PRESENTATION:

Don Vetter, Economic Recovery and Resiliency Coordinator for Western Nevada Development District (WNDD), joined the meeting via teleconference. Vetter thanked Council member Rowe and Commissioner Hudson for their representation on WNDD and then shared an informational slide presentation on the functions and activities of WNDD.

No action was taken.

BUSINESS IMPACT DETERMINATION:

The Council reviewed and discussed briefly the probable effect that each agenda item for this meeting could have on a "business" as the term is defined by statute. Council member Rowe moved for the City 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.

Commissioner Shank moved and Commissioner Hudson seconded for the County the same motion made and adopted by the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LOVELOCK AND PERSHING COUNTY REGARDING THE 1970-1971 AD VALOREM TAX EXCHANGE AND SUBSEQUENT TAX EXCHANGES:

The Council and Commission reviewed the proposed FY 2021-2022 agreement and briefly discussed the terms. Council member Rowe moved for the City to accept the 2021-2022 fiscal year agreement between Pershing County and City of Lovelock regarding the 1970-1971 ad valorem tax exchange and subsequent tax exchanges as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hudson moved and Commissioner Shank seconded for the County the same motion made and adopted by the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF LOVELOCK AND PERSHING COUNTY FOR SHARING FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 COSTS:

The Council and Commission reviewed the FY 2020-2021 cooperative agreement and agreed as follows for the proposed FY 2021-2022 cooperative agreement:

1. **LOVELOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE:**
Commissioner Shank expressed her opinion about the possibility of the County taking over the fire protection services for the area with the City participating by reimbursing the County for a portion of the costs.

All agreement terms stay the same.

2. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**
Mayor Giles asked about the status of the process of establishing a new agreement with Humboldt County, the City of Winnemucca, Pershing County and the City of Lovelock to create the proposed new regional development district.

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, said the goal is to have a proposal ready to present to the participating entities in April for consideration and hopefully have the final agreement ready to submit to the State in May.

The agreement will not be updated until the new district is in place.

3. **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:**
The Chamber section of the agreement will be removed since the Chamber is no longer actively functioning.
4. **ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES:**
Mayor Giles stated that the County now pays the City \$45,000 per year. The Animal Control Officer will be taking a course to become a veterinary tech.

All agreement terms stay the same.

5. **RECREATION:**
All agreement terms stay the same.

6. **LAW ENFORCEMENT:**
All agreement terms stay the same.

7. SEWER/WASTE DISPOSAL PICK-UP FEES:
Mayor Giles requested that the language for waiving landfill fees be changed from “waive fees for city hall” to “waive fees for all city properties.”

District Attorney Bryce Shields stated that the language can be changed to specify all city properties.

All other agreement terms stay the same.

8. JUVENILE DEPARTMENT:
All agreement terms stay the same.

9. LEGAL SERVICES:
All agreement terms stay the same.

10. JUSTICE COURT / MUNICIPAL COURT:
All agreement terms stay the same.

11. RECYCLING CENTER:
Mayor Giles stated the City is currently paying approximately \$4000 per year for all utilities.

All agreement terms stay the same.

Council member Gentry moved to approve the 2021-2022 fiscal year cooperative agreement between the City of Lovelock and Pershing County for sharing costs with changes as discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hudson moved and Commissioner Shank seconded the same motion for the county made and adopted by the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN-INTEREST TO CITY-COUNTY:

1. 9TH STREET ABANDONMENT / COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
Commission chair Rackley said the County is in the process of working with an architect on the design for a new jail. Part of the plan is to have a controlled access secure entry area for vehicles, and a portion of 9th Street would likely have to be used to accommodate that type of access.

No action was taken.

2. CITY RECYCLE CENTER PARTICIPATION
Commissioner Shank noted the City has been great in helping with the baling. The center will reopen on Saturday, February 27, 2021 and is scheduled to be open every Friday and Saturday thereafter. There has been discussion about having the City take over the workers compensation for the volunteers at the center. Mayor Giles commented that he and City Clerk Booth are looking into what is involved for the City to provided workers comp.

No action was taken.

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3. PLANNING COMMISSION / PERMITTING-PLANNING PROCESS.

Mayor Giles said the County and City use the same plan checker and similar forms. The City is looking into using the same permitting process as the county, which is a Caselle based program.

Commission chair Rackley suggested it may be time to consider combining the City and County permitting process.

District Attorney Shields remarked the Planning Commission questioned why the City is not taking items through the Commission. Mayor Giles said he is not aware of any items recently processed through the City that fall under the Planning Commission purview.

No action was taken.

4. FIRE-AMBULANCE SERVICES / CITY BUDGET, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT / ISO RATINGS FOR CITY AND COUNTY.

Rodney Wilcox, Lovelock Volunteer Fire Department Chief, stated there is an ongoing problem with getting department volunteers. There are a number of required certifications and most potential volunteers are not willing to undertake the necessary training. Currently, the department has 22 members which is only enough people to have three EMS crews, instead of four. Wilcox believes it may be time to hire EMTs, but it will probably require a \$500,000 budget.

Commissioner Shank proposed establishing a working committee to look at different options, including researching what is done in other counties and come up with some recommendations.

District Attorney Shields mentioned the possibility of establishing a General Improvement District to provide fire and ambulance services.

No action was taken.

5. COUNTY COVID MITIGATION PLAN.

Mayor Giles said a mitigation plan must be submitted from the County to the State by May 1 or the State will implement a plan for the County. Legal Counsel Maher offered to send a template to use as a starting point.

Commissioner Shank stated that there is a Board of Health meeting on March 3, 2021.

No action was taken.

6. OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

Commissioner Shank commented that Donna Squires, the County and City liability insurance representative (risk manager), is supposed to be getting back with information on what needs to be repaired on the swimming pool and how much it will cost.

Commission chair Rackley stated that the Senior Center will be ready to open on March 15, 2021 at 50% capacity, which is 64 people.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk