

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 18, 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: None

Guests: Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Troy Schuler, Edgar Miron, Alex Spearmen, Lawrence McNutt, Kathy Bax, Ben Morris, and Dana Fulgencio.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public comments, personal communications or correspondence.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

No minutes were available for review.

No action was taken

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 the outstanding accounts list for review and request approval to write off two garbage accounts presented on list.

Council member Rowe moved to write off two garbage accounts as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING / FY 2021-2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET-FINAL BUDGET:

The FY 2021-2022 tentative budget was approved by the Department of Taxation. Corrections will need to be made to the budget as the new office assistant is working more hours than anticipated. The gas tax needs correcting to reflect the state projection figure. The property-liability insurance should now reflect accurate figures. There were no comments from the public.

Council member Rowe moved to accept the presented changes and adopt as the final budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING / NUISANCE DETERMINATION / 945 ELMHURST AVE.:

Pictures were provided of property at 945 Elmhurst Avenue. Council member Reynolds said it appears the property is still not cleaned. Staff confirmed the clean-up letters were received by the property owner. Council member Rowe stated that due to the lack of a serious commitment in keeping the property in a safe and clean condition, the adjoining properties are now being adversely affected.

Council member Reynolds moved to find the condition of the property at 945 Elmhurst Avenue constitutes a menace and to send a letter to clean property by June 1, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPORT LETTER / AFFILIATED TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS / MANAGE AT&T INTERNET SERVICE ORDERS:

Affiliated Technology Partners (ATP) representatives explained their services to negotiate and project manage new AT&T internet service orders for fiber and wireless broadband internet connectivity and infrastructure services and gave a PowerPoint presentation. The goal is to install internet and broadband services in every non-residential building in town. There were questions and discussion about the costs and the response from constituents in the area. Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, said improved broadband services has been a goal for years, but there have been no firm dollar amounts to use for grant solicitation purposes.

Council member Rowe moved to authorize procurement of cost figures for the process and to allow the Mayor to sign a letter of support.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCRUED VACATION BENEFIT PAYMENT / TAMI BELCHER:

City employee Tami Belcher is eligible for payment of one hundred thirty-five accumulated vacation benefit hours and is not eligible for payment of accrued sick leave hours because she has not worked the minimum required five years.

Council member Gentry moved to approve the payment of accrued vacation time to Tami Belcher.

Motion carried unanimously.

PERMIT FEES WAIVER REQUEST / PLAN REVIEW FEES / CITY HALL SIGN:

Mayor Giles explained the engineered plans from YESCO for the collaborative sign project between the City and Couer Rochester were sent for review. The fees are three-hundred-ninety-nine dollars which were paid by the City. Request is made to waive the building permit fee of six-hundred-fourteen dollars for the sign project because once the project is complete, the sign will ultimately end up being owned by the City.

Council member Gentry moved to approve waiver of building permit fees for City-Coeur Rochester collaborative electronic sign project as explained.

Motion carried unanimously.

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BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT REPORT:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director, said the report on Episcopal Church was received. It is about four hundred pages in length and she will need more time to go over it in detail before reporting on the results.

A meeting with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection contractor and the owner of the Cornell Avenue burned property was held on May 7. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the state and their contractor are pulling out of the project. An independent contractor will be coming in to clean up the debris. The approvals have been procured and a separate area at the landfill has been designated for the debris.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed:

Business licenses:

#903112 – Makers – Cortney Gnatiuk--Stephanie Bryant

Building permits:

#1651 – Emilio Jimenez – Electric

#1653 – Pauline Buck – Electric

Liquor licenses:

None

Special Events liquor licenses:

None

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Police Chief Mancebo stated the new officer has been released from worker's comp and will be attending POST in July.

Council member Gentry brought up the repeat offenders on the weed notice list and pitched the idea that maybe it was time to take a firmer stance on the notices.

Council member Reynolds reported the recreation board requested to revitalize McDougal Field, the County approved and volunteers are doing the work. Reynolds questioned if something can be done about code enforcement and exploring the possibility of a job position for that function. Possibly, the county has information on how they run their program.

Council member Rowe: (i) reported Monday May 24 is the day selected for planting flowers in the downtown corridor and the water needs to be turned on; (ii) questioned if codes are going to be looked into how will the empty motels be addressed, and will the State Fire Marshall get involved; and, (iii) suggested that when looking at codes a priority should be the managing of the number of vehicles allowed on a property.

Legal Counsel Maher reported the Nevada Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, determined the modified business tax increase and DMV tax increase from the last legislative session were ruled unconstitutional because the legislation was not adopted with the required two-thirds majority, and the Department of Taxation is now in the process of refunding the taxes collected since 2019.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) receiving a letter from the Bureau Land Management on environmental assessment for the Coeur Lincoln Hill project; (ii) problems with the AT&T system for internet are ongoing and City Hall has now upgraded to SkyFiber; (iii) quotes from both SNC and A&K have come in and are being reviewed for the City street work proposed this summer; (iv) Nevada League of Cities is working on a planning session for the annual meeting which will be held in Sparks on August 26-27, 2021; and, (v) the committee for the proposed regional development authority has been meeting and the authority should be in place by July 1, 2021.

June 1 is the first annual scholarship night from 6-8 p.m. and Council members Reynolds and Gentry will not be available for the scheduled Council meeting. The Clerk was directed to issue a notice the meeting will be cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll through number 48069.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

An American Legion flag ceremony will be held on May 31 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, Deputy City Clerk