

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 3, 2021 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor	Mike Giles
	Council members	Pat Rowe
		Jonathan Reynolds
	Deputy City Clerk	Terri Wilcox
	Police Chief	Michael Mancebo
	Legal Counsel	Kent Maher
	Office Assistant	Jeanette Hughes
Absent:	Council member	Starlin Gentry

Guests: Heidi Lusby-Angvick (PCEDA), Des Craig (WNDD), and Mark Pilon.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development officer, reported: the State Treasurer will be here Tuesday August 10 at the Community Center; the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) approved the Nevada 95-80 Regional Development Authority; the West Coast Salmon project is on track; and, the Seven Troughs Distilling group still wants to acquire the Windmill property for their business operations.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the June 15, 2021 regular meeting, June 22, 2021 special meeting, and the July 13, 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 Reynolds 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:

Mayor Giles explained that with new people in the Clerk's office the effort will be made to follow the ordinance procedures for delinquent accounts.

Deputy City Clerk Wilcox presented the outstanding accounts list for review.

No action was taken.

BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY-MAPPING PROJECT / WNDD :

Des Craig, Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) representative, gave an overview of the proposed \$40,000 broadband connectivity-mapping project and explained that WNDD intends to work with its members to obtain grants for the project. The idea is to inventory and map the available services in each service area in preparation for expanded broadband services to the rural areas. The cost for each participating WNDD member is \$2,850 per year.

Council member Rowe moved to approve joining with WNDD in the broadband-mapping project and to pay the initial annual fee of \$2,850 as explained.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCRUED VACATION BENEFIT PAYMENT / STEVE PETERS:

Former City employee Steve Peters is eligible for payment of 92.25 hours of accumulated vacation benefit hours and is not eligible for payment of accrued sick leave hours because he has not worked the minimum required five years.

Council member Reynolds moved to approve the payment of accrued vacation time to Steve Peters as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL NEED POSITION / PUBLIC WORKS:

Mayor Giles passed out information on the requirements for declaring a position a critical need and data on the pay scales for the public works director position in similar jurisdictions. Giles noted that with the vacancy in the public works director position it may be necessary to temporarily bring back a former employee to fill in while a suitable replacement is sought.

Legal Counsel Maher noted that in order to satisfy the statutory criteria to make a critical need determination, it appears the City will need to broaden the advertising efforts to include areas out of state and the internet.

After discussion, the Council commented that the vacancy in the public works director position may not be a critical need determination.

No action was taken.

NUISANCE DETERMINATION / 945 DARTMOUTH AVENUE-435 9TH STREET / COVERED WAGON AND DESERT HAVEN MOTELS:

The Council indicated that they have viewed and are familiar the condition of the properties.

Council member Reynolds moved to find that the property at 945 Dartmouth Avenue and 435 9th Street constitute a nuisance and to direct staff to contact the owners to have the property cleaned by 5:00 pm of the next regular Council meeting date.

Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Mancebo noted that there are reports of lights being on in one of the units.

AMENDED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT / REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Legal Counsel Maher explained that the economic development personnel wanted the GOED agreement on the agenda, not the RDA agreement, and the matter will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

No action was taken.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Giles reported that all the grant projects are ahead of schedule. A monitoring well has been placed on the Young property.

No action was taken.

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

There were no licenses and/or permits for review.

No action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Police Chief Mancebo reported: (1) one officer is currently in POST and another officer resigned effective August 1; and, (2) Champion Chevrolet has four (4) police special Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles that were ordered by Washoe County but were not purchased; Mancebo would like to obtain one or more of the new vehicles and remove some older department units from service. Mancebo noted that it will be at least two (2) months before the appropriate equipment for new vehicles can be obtained.

Council member Reynolds reported the EMS-fire services subcommittee will submit a recommendation regarding EMS and fire services to the county commission meeting tomorrow. No recreation board meeting was held.

Council member Rowe noted that the terms of all members of the economic development board expire at the same time.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) the full time employees in the Clerk's office will alternate attending and taking minutes of the Council meetings; (ii) he received a quote for a flag pole from Yesco for \$19,000 and a quote from the Flag Store of \$4,000 for flags, and anticipates employing Cooney Construction for the concrete and pole work; (iii) the public records for the Council consideration of the sign at the front of City Hall were requested by the neighboring property owner; (iv) the installation of the suction pumps purchased for the sewer treatment plant will be paid for with the American Rescue Plan funds; (v) lowering the level of the pond in anticipation of the plant being shut down for valve replacement ; and, (vi) the Nevada League of Cities state conference is scheduled for August 25-27, 2021.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve vouchers and payroll numbers 48193 to 48244, inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on August 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, Deputy City Clerk