

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 7, 2022, AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Mike Giles
Council members Patricia Rowe
Jonathan Reynolds
Police Chief Michael Mancebo
Legal Counsel Kent Maher
City Clerk Terri Wilcox

Absent: Council member Starlin Gentry

Guests: Rusty Kiel (Lovelock Meadows Water District), Bonnie Skoglie, Tracy Neeley (A&H Insurance), Mishon Hurst (Nevada Rural Housing), and Heidi Lusby-Angvick (Pershing County Economic Development).

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority, reported: (i) Sheryl Gonzales is retiring from Western Nevada Development District on June 30, 2022 and Christine Brandon is hired as her replacement; (ii) US Silica is interested in a community cleanup day in September; (iii) a broadband meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am June 22 at the Pershing County IT building; (iv) Bob Potts, Deputy Director of the Governors Office of Economic Development (GOED), said Pershing County and Churchill County need to be prepared for economic development and growth and it is time to start being visionary not reactionary; (v) she will be attending several meetings in June with Humboldt County Development Authority and NV Energy; and, (vi) she is creating a vision wall outside her office at City Hall to share successes of Pershing County and the City of Lovelock.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the May 17, 2022; City Council regular 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.

FY2022-2023 HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS-PROPOSALS / A&H INSURANCE:

Tracy Neeley, A&H Insurance, advised that the current health insurance provider Hometown Health has not responded with a favorable proposal for the upcoming year which resulted in A&H reaching out to Anthem to discuss plans. The Kansas City Life dental insurance premium is going up because usage increased and the vision and life insurance premiums are staying the same. Pershing County approved moving coverage to Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Neely believes Anthem will be a good partner; their network can be used nationwide. Neely said having a city-county insurance committee and self-funding options should be considered. Mayor Giles suggested discussions for FY 2023-2024 plans should start in August 2022.

Giles commented that he is dissatisfied with the service received from A&H Insurance, particularly not receiving information about the insurance meetings held with the county. Neely apologized for the miscommunication or lack of communication with the city and vowed to do better.

No action was taken.

NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NRHA) PRESENTATION / HURST:

Mishon Hurst, NRHA Deputy Director, requested the city transfer to NRHA the unused private activity bond cap. The funding is used for the Home-at-Last program which assists with funding the purchase of housing. Since 2006, the city has transferred 1.2 million dollars of bond cap to NRHA which has resulted in over 2 million dollars of affordable mortgages for fifteen home buyers and seventy-six thousand dollars in down payment assistance, all in Lovelock. If the funding allocated to the city is not used it reverts to the state. Legal Counsel Maher explained that the agenda item does not allow for a decision on the request.

No action was taken.

SEWER-DISPOSAL ACCOUNT DELINQUENCIES-ADJUSTMENTS-REFUNDS:

There was no report.

REZONE REQUEST / LOVELOCK MEADOWS WATER DISTRICT:

Mayor Giles said this is the public hearing on the request by Lovelock Meadows Water District to change the zoning classification of their property at 365 11th Street (Pershing County APN 001-132-03) from MF (Multi-Family Residential) to PSF (Public Services and Facilities).

There were no comments from the public or the council.

Council member Rowe moved to change the regulatory land use district classification (rezone) from MF (Multi-Family Residential) to PSF (Public Services and Facilities) for the property at 365 11th Street (Pershing County APN 001-132-03).

Motion carried unanimously.

WASTE COLLECTION-SEWER SERVICES / FEE INCREASE:

There was discussion on the rates and fees for the various categories of sewer use and waste collection. Staff was directed to prepare a draft ordinance for consideration.

No action was taken.

RTC FUNDS FY 2021-2022 EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Mayor Giles reported there is approximately \$70,000 of RTC funds that have not been used. Giles discussed with the School District the possibility of installing mechanical street closing equipment for traffic control at the schools. Giles suggested the traffic control devices would be a good use of the funds. Council member Reynolds asked about using RTC funds for sidewalks at the Middle School. There was discussion and concurrence that the proposed expenditures should be considered.

No action was taken.

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SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSAL:

Police Chief Mancebo and Mayor Giles explained that the 2001 GMC pickup, the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria, and 2009 Ford Crown Victoria are no longer needed or used for public purposes and requested authorization to sell the vehicles and establish a minimum bid price.

Council member Reynolds moved to make a finding that the described vehicles are no longer needed for public use and they should be offered for sale with the minimum bid starting at \$500 per unit.

Motion carried unanimously.

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY REPORT:

Mayor Giles reported that in response to the inquiry whether Juneteenth is a holiday that is observed by the city, it was determined that the day is a federal holiday but it is not recognized as a legal holiday by the state of Nevada.

No action was taken.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES / JULY 2022:

Mayor Giles noted that typically only one council meeting is held in July. Usually the first meeting is canceled because it is close to the Independence Day holiday.

After discussion, the council agreed to have one meeting on July 12, and directed staff to publish notice of the change in the July meeting dates.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS REPORT:

Mayor Giles reported: (i) the \$60,398.95 expense for the food bank cooler/freezer included the concrete and electrical work modifications to the building; (ii) the city purchased a tractor and both implements; and, (iii) he and the staff are working on trying to get bids on a garbage truck.

Council member Reynolds moved to authorize the ARPA funds expenditure of \$60,398.95 for the Lovelock Community Food Pantry cooler/freezer purchase and installation.

Motion carried unanimously.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT REPORT:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick (PCEDA) remarked that a historical mural may be painted on the Seven Troughs Distillery building which is the culmination of the visioning workshops, goals and reinvestment plan contemplated by the Brownfields grant. Another grant was awarded and is being finalized in partnership with Humboldt County-Winnemucca as the program continues and monthly meetings in each community are planned.

Seven Troughs distillery will be a manufacturing and tasting business. West Coast Salmon Nevada is exploring funding mechanisms for energy friendly improvements and tax incentives.

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

The following licenses and permits were considered:

Business Licenses:

903142 – Dan-Tracy Knisley – Country Equipment

Special Events Liquor Licenses:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the Cowpoke Smokehouse special events liquor license for June 11, 2022. The fees have been paid.

Motion carried unanimously.

Building Permits:

22-1701 Jose Garcia – 1320 Dartmouth Avenue – House – Reroof
22-1702 Kyle-Helen Mulligan – 1385 Elmhurst Avenue – Electrical work

No action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Police Chief Mancebo reported that he spoke to Sheriff Jerry Allen about possibly obtaining with grant funds some items for monitoring access to City Hall. The slide for the pool has been shipped.

Council member Reynolds had questions about where the street ends and private property begins at the end of Dartmouth and 16th Street.

Council member Rowe reported that the swimming pool is open.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) receiving a letter from Dixie McKay about a June 25 fundraiser for the spay-neuter program; (ii) work is needed on the Bernd Hotel property to remove the junk that K&M has stored on the site; (iii) he will be out of town for the June 21 meeting at which the health insurance renewal proposal and the renewal on property and liability coverage will be considered; (iv) the budget will not have to be augmented but money will be moved from the contingency fund (\$20,000) to the Clerk salary and benefits (\$10,000) and the City Hall capital outlay (\$10,000), and the Public Safety contingency fund for painting the firehouse (\$26,000) will be moved to Police capital outlay.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve payroll and vouchers numbered 48933-48966.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bonnie Skoglie said the museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm each day and private tours are available any time. Ghost Adventures productions are filming in Lovelock and if they find any activity the museum will be included in the show.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on June 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk