

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 16, 2022, AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:

Mayor
Council members

Mike Giles
Patricia Rowe
Jonathan Reynolds
Starlin Gentry
Michael Mancebo
Kent Maher
Terri Wilcox

Police Chief
Legal Counsel
City Clerk

Guests: Bonnie Skoglie, Jordan McKinney, Joseph Dice, Rochelle Desoto, Dena Austin, Tia Happy and Debbie George.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Joe Dice requested the introduction of an ordinance to regulate marijuana be tabled to give him the chance to talk to the board members in an effort to obtain a compact with the colony to allow only the colony to dispense marijuana products in the city. If another dispensary comes into town it will cut into the colony business.

Debbie George stated that the colony puts money back into the community, besides doing donations toward their own programs.

Rochelle Desoto stated that the colony dispensary has 10 employees, of which seven are colony members.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the August 2, 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 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:

The delinquent account list was reviewed and discussed.

No action was taken

MOTEL-HOTEL-RV SEWER RATES INCREASE PROPOSAL:

There was discussion that the motel, hotel and RV fees were not currently charged separately, they are included in the commercial fee structure for connection and use rates, and there is no reason to have them administered separately.

No action was taken.

MARIJUANA LICENSING-REGULATION-FEES PROPOSAL:

Council member Rowe moved that this item be tabled until there is opportunity to consider the proposed compact with the Lovelock Colony dispensary as suggested by Joe Dice.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION / ANNEXATION PROPOSAL / LIST CATTLE COMPANY-MAVERIK:

Maverik (a fuel and convenience store chain) is requesting to annex an approximately four-acre parcel located in the southwesterly portion of the List Cattle Company owned property located at the intersection of Main Street and the i-80 East bound onramp. Mayor Giles reported that the map to create the smaller parcel from the larger piece of property is scheduled for consideration on the County Commission meeting agenda tomorrow. The annexation proposal now is to help move the process along. Upon map approval, Maverik will acquire the property and begin with their proposed development.

Council member Gentry moved to introduce and set for public hearing the ordinance to annex the property as described on the condition that Pershing County approves the proposed parcel map.

Motion carried unanimously.

DEPOT BUILDING SPACE RENTAL AGREEMENT / FRONTIER COMMUNITY COALITION:

Mayor Giles reported that billing the Depot Building tenant for the actual cost of the utilities they use (water, electricity and gas) was formally approved at the July 12, 2022 Council meeting. Legal Counsel Maher noted that when the Chamber of Commerce was also renting space at the building, the city provided assistance to the Chamber by paying for the utilities. Council member Reynolds (who was not present at the July meeting) said his understanding was that the Frontier Community Coalition (FCC) was not notified and suggested that an FCC representative be invited to a meeting to discuss. It was noted again that the rental agreement consideration was on a regular meeting agenda, the same as it has been every year in June or July for several years, and has already been considered and approved.

Bonnie Skoglie, FCC representative, said the FCC may have to change a few things around but it is no problem paying for the utilities.

No action was taken.

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY INCREASE PROPOSAL:

Mayor Giles stated that the proposal to increase the compensation for city elected officials was discussed at a prior meeting, but there was no direction provided on the possible increases.

Council member Reynolds asked if a \$1,000 increase for the council members was budgeted. It was not. It was suggested that the city council member compensation should increase to \$4,200 a year and the mayor compensation should increase to \$6,600 a year. Staff was requested to prepare an ordinance for consideration at a future meeting.

No action was taken.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS:

Mayor Giles reported that ARPA funds were used for the Senior Center walk-in cooler and walk-in refrigerator down payment. No garbage truck or vehicle quotes have been received.

No action was taken.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT REPORT:

There was no report.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were considered:

Special Events Liquor Licenses:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the Chukar event special liquor license for September 17, 2022 and to waive the fee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Licenses:

903149 – Clima-Tech Corporation – HVAC mechanical and controls installation

Building Permits:

22-1709 - Joshua Keathley – 740 Franklin Avenue – Clearite Inc – Reroof and Remodel

22-1710 - Jeff Elerick – 520 Cornell Avenue – Electrical

22-1711 - Bill McGrady – 810 E. Broadway – Electrical

22-1712 - Paul Richards Jr. – 530 8th Street – Electrical

22-1713 - Lovelock Junction – 1420 Cornell Avenue – Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical

No action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Police Chief Mancebo reported that Andrew Morehead has satisfied the FTO requirements and will be working without a training officer starting Thursday.

Council member Gentry reported he was contacted by a resident wanting to know if the city is going to do anything with 17th Street as it is all dirt.

Council member Reynolds commented that stray dogs at the Lions Club Park attacked and bit another dog and suggested animal control increase their presence in the area to possibly apprehend the offending animals. Reynolds asked about the letter to the property owner concerning the street barricades. City Clerk Wilcox said the matter was referred to Mayor Giles. Giles noted that the person to whom the letter was directed does not own the property in question. The barricades have been in place for years. Reynolds believes that since it is city property the barricades should be removed.

Council member Rowe asked about the weed cleanup with the city crew. It was explained that because the crew is currently shorthanded and they are busy trying to keep up with their regular duties, the properties have not yet been cleaned.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) that he will not be at the September 6 meeting; (ii) the auditors are here this week; and, (iii) the City Auto Parts store has sold and a NAPA store is supposed to start business at the location.

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VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve payroll and vouchers numbered 49142 - 49179.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on September 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk