

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Guests: Bonnie Skoglie, Joe Crim (Public Works Director), Dan Crofoot and Paul Crofoot.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public comments, personal communication or correspondence.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve the September 6, 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.

SEWER-DISPOSAL ACCOUNT DELINQUENCIES-ADJUSTMENTS-REFUNDS:

The delinquent account list was reviewed and discussed.

No action was taken

BARRIER PLACEMENT / NORTHERLY END OF DARTMOUTH AVENUE:

Dan Crofoot explained he owns the property on the three sides that border the northerly end of Dartmouth Avenue and about fifteen (15) or more years ago he put a barrier on the dead end street for liability purposes, because kids on motorcycles were tearing through his property and motorhomes were attempting to use the street as a turn-around point and they ended up on his yard because they were too large for the turn-around. The barrier started out as one rail, but the kids would just move it, so more rails were put up. Michelle Sellers, the current occupant of the Crofoot house, has a granddaughter who with her friends play and ride their bicycles on the road, and since it is blocked off, they cannot get hit by a vehicle.

Council member Reynolds said two neighbors complained to him about their kids being "talked to" for being on the street property. The question is not about barriers on the property, it is why access to city property is restricted. Crofoot indicated he will talk to the neighbors. Reynolds suggested if the barriers are going to stay, there should be a formal request and the matter should

be placed on an agenda for consideration. Crofoot stated he should have made the request years ago.

Crofoot plans to eventually develop the land around the street and into the adjoining Hay ranch property for up to 500 housing lots, and to develop the Brenda's Café property for commercial uses. Mayor Giles noted Nevada Rural Housing may be interested in lots for housing.

Public Works Director Crim was asked about placement of a dead-end sign for the roadway and reflective material for the barriers. Crim said if the city did not have the materials, they can be ordered.

PUBLIC HEARING / NUISANCE DETERMINATION / VARIOUS PARCELS:

Mayor Giles reported that there were no photographs taken, but a visual inspection was made by him earlier in the day of: 470, 471, 482, 483, 494 and 495 Camellia Way (off Sixth Street owned by Pavilion Homes LLC); 500, 510, 520, 525, 530, 535, 545 and 555 Rose Way (in Garden View Estates off Sixth Street owned by Pavilion Homes LLC); 527, 547 and 567 Sunflower Street (in Garden View Estates owned by Pavilion Homes LLC); and, the 6.25 acre unimproved parcel abutting Jamestown Road identified as Pershing County APN 001-081-36 (owned by Love My Way LLC). The middle portion of some of the properties was tilled under, but along the fence lines and outside perimeters and ditches there were still significant weeds.

There were no property owners present.

Council member Rowe moved to find that the condition of the property at: 470, 471, 482, 483, 494 and 495 Camellia Way (off Sixth Street owned by Pavilion Homes LLC); 500, 510, 520, 525, 530, 535, 545 and 555 Rose Way (in Garden View Estates off Sixth Street owned by Pavilion Homes LLC); 527, 547 and 567 Sunflower Street (in Garden View Estates owned by Pavilion Homes LLC); and, the 6.25 acre unimproved parcel abutting Jamestown Road identified as Pershing County APN 001-081-36 (owned by Love My Way LLC), constitutes a menace to public safety, health and welfare and must be abated by the next council meeting on October 4, 2022, and to direct staff to send letters to the owners informing that if the properties are not cleaned by October 4, the City will clean them and place a lien on the properties to secure payment for the cleaning.

Motion carried unanimously

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS:

Mayor Giles reported: 1) work was done on the City Hall doors and handicap openers which required an electrician, so it cost more than first thought; 2) a down payment was made on the senior center walk-in freezer and cooler which should be installed the end of the month; 3) work continues with Source 1 to obtain a solid waste truck; and, 4) new trucks for public works are needed, but the car dealer lots only have half-ton vehicles which the city does not need.

Public Works Director Crim reported State Purchasing may be a possible source for vehicles, but they are about a year out on delivery. The banners for the street light poles are being upgraded. Council member Reynolds asked about obtaining metal and having more permanent banners cut out. Crim advised metal is very expensive and cost prohibitive at this time.

Giles reported the school zone signs on Western Avenue will be replaced and contact was made with Nevada Department of Transportation to discuss signage for the 105 exit because many travelers are still doing 45 mph plus when they hit town.

Council member Rowe stated that some stop signs need replacement, and understands RTC funds may be used for signs.

Giles reported that Carol Shank (County Commissioner) requested the city to use some of their ARPA money to pay for transportation for the senior citizens. Their grant writer put in for the wrong grant and they need \$20,000 a year for the next two years.

Council member Reynolds asked about local business assistance. Giles said there was no update, but he did speak with the auditors and because the city took the ARPA funds to replace lost revenue and the funds had to go into the general fund account, they must be used for a city type project. Staff was asked to send a letter to the Temptations business advising them about the restrictions on use of the funds.

Giles advised there are quotes to redo the council chamber, and the carpet needs to be replaced throughout the entire city hall building. Reynolds suggested the services of a design service to do a design for the council chamber.

Giles reported an electrician will be doing wiring for the food bank and will look at city hall and the animal shelter to do some needed work at both facilities.

No action was taken.

BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT REPORT:

Mayor Giles reported the county approved the site ready for four (4) or five (5) lots in the Industrial Park.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were considered:

Special Events Liquor Licenses:

None

Business Licenses:

None

Building Permits:

22-1715 – Manuel Jimenez – 1190 Dartmouth Avenue – Reroof and Remodel

22-1716 – New Life Fellowship – 1165 Elmhurst Avenue – Electrical – Vinnie’s Electric

22-1717 - Voided

22-1718 – Michael Aharoni – 1370 Elmhurst Avenue – Electrical

22-1719 – Sunset Motel – 1145 Cornell Avenue – Electrical – Robert Kennerson

No action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Council member Reynolds: (i) reported no Recreation board meeting; (ii) said RTC will meet tomorrow, and he still receives no communication, he is still waiting to see the budget, there is no work happening, there is no vision for using the funds, and he still believes the city should receive

a fair share; and, (iii) asked if the fire marshal can become involved in the Covered Wagon and Desert Haven motel properties. Mayor Giles explained that the city had the fire marshal come in about another property and it ended up costing the city \$30,000 with little hope for recovery of the funds expended. Nevada Rural Housing is trying to buy both motel properties, and has been in contact with the owner. If the purchase goes through, the abandonment of 9th Street should be considered as there are no services in the street.

Public Works Director Crim reported the city cleaned up the Covered Wagon and Desert Haven properties and the vacant lot, and will get that bill into the city clerk; There are two remaining properties on the list to be cleaned when time permits. The lawn mower broke down. There was only one application received for the open public works position and an interview with the applicant will be set up. Reynolds asked about using a recruiting service; Crim explained that the city pay scale is so low, they will not move here.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) an animal control assistant resigned; (ii) a thank you letter was received from the Pershing Healthcare Foundation for the scholarship donation; (iii) meeting with Nevada State Bank about obtaining equipment to allow electronic check deposits; (iv) the Nevada 95-80 Futures Forum is scheduled for October 29; (v) Lithium Nevada is fighting the EPA because of an endangered snail; and, (vi) West Coast Salmon is hoping to break ground in November.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve payroll and vouchers numbered 49226 - 49264.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on October 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk