

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 4, 2022, AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Rowe
Council member Jonathan Reynolds
Police Chief Michael Mancebo
Office Assistant Jeanette Hughes

Absent: Mayor Mike Giles
Council member Starlin Gentry
Legal Counsel Kent Maher

Guests: Courtney Gnatiuk, John Minor, Stephanie Minor, Rodney Wilcox (Pershing County Volunteer Fire Department) and Mike Heideman.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Stephanie Minor asked how to get on the meeting agenda because she wants to discuss the animal shelter and that there is no veterinarian now and animals have to be taken out of town for vet services. She was directed to speak with the police chief.

Courtney Gnatiuk said she does not want to board animals at the shelter because she does not feel comfortable. Gnatiuk had questions about the road signs for 5th Street, Cornell and Broadway. She was directed to speak with the police chief.

John Minor had questions about the landfill. Minor was directed to speak with the county about his questions (the county manages the landfill).

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Reynolds moved to approve the September 20, 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

No action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE / INCREASE MAYOR-CITY COUNCIL SALARIES:

Mayor Pro Tem Rowe asked for public comment. John Minor asked who will receive the salary increases. Council member Reynolds answered the question and explained the mayor-council salary history. There was a discussion about the costs associated with being a city official.

Council member Reynolds moved to adopt the proposed ordinance to increase the salary of the mayor from five thousand one hundred dollars per year to six thousand six hundred dollars per

year and the salary of each council member from three thousand dollars to four thousand two hundred dollars per year, effective January 1, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING / NUISANCE DETERMINATION / VARIOUS PARCELS:

Police Chief Mancebo provided photographs of the properties taken earlier in the day. No property owners were present. There was discussion concerning the conditions of the properties and the progress made to clean the properties.

Council member Reynolds moved to find that the condition of the properties 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 18, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS:

Fire Chief Wilcox had questions about the quote he gave the mayor regarding the SBCAs which the fire department requested to be purchased with the ARPA funds.

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:

None

Business Licenses:

None

Building Permits:

- 22-1720 – Hiram Knight – 1155 Franklin Avenue - Gas
- 22-1721 – Lese Conn – 125 Pine Drive – Gas – Almighty Electric
- 22-1722 – Glen Rose – 1450 Franklin Avenue – Electrical – Almighty Electric
- 22-1723 – Gurdeep Singh–PJ’s – 1455 Cornell Avenue – Patio Cover – Bartt Campbell

No action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

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STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Police Chief Mancebo reported the new department employee is a former highway patrol officer with significant traffic enforcement experience.

Fire Chief Wilcox expressed concern with the open doors of the Desert Haven Motel property and the possibility that persons may be living on the property (there are no utilities). There have been several fire inspections for the Shop-N-Go addition and they are working with the owner to correct the issues.

Mike Heideman stated his concern with the alley between Grinnell Avenue and Harvard Way.

Council member Reynolds reported he requested a formal letter from Dan Crofoot regarding the barrier on Dartmouth Avenue and wants the matter placed on the next agenda for a formal decision. Reynolds suggested a proposal be developed for fixing 6th Street to Jamestown so that it can be presented to the RTC.

Council member Rowe reported that juveniles are apparently gathering at the vacant house at 1555 Elmhurst Avenue, which has been broken into again. Chief Mancebo said the department is aware of the situation.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Rowe moved to approve payroll and vouchers numbered 49265-49294.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stephanie Minor commented on the chamber of commerce and was wondering about trying to get the organization going again.

John Minor had questions about a code enforcer and a licensed contractor contacting the city building inspector for inspection.

Courtney Gnatiuk voiced concerns about 310 and 395 Main Street (the former hardware store and former pharmacy properties) and her desire to do something with the former hardware store property, but not being able to afford a purchase of the property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. until the next scheduled City Council meeting on October 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk