

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON JANUARY 23, 2023 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 4:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor Council members	Michael Giles Bonnie Skoglie Jordan McKinney Jonathon Reynolds Michael Mancebo Terri Wilcox
Absent:	Police Chief City Clerk Legal Counsel	Kent Maher

Guests: Sheriff Jerry Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no public comment, personal communication, or correspondence.

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.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS:

Mayor Giles reported that Michael Hohl Chevrolet Buick GMC dealership in Carson City has offered for purchase from their in-stock inventory the four one-ton work pickup trucks and the utility vehicle the city is seeking to acquire. There are no other vehicle dealers in the northern Nevada area that have the vehicles available at this time or for the foreseeable future. It was recommended the city purchase the vehicles offered at the prices quoted, which are competitive and consistent with the pricing information researched and confirmed by city staff.

Council member Skoglie moved to authorize the purchase of the four one-ton work pickup trucks for the public works department and the utility vehicle for the police department with the ARPA funds as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP:

Ad valorem tax exchange / cooperative agreement for sharing responsibilities and costs for performance of city functions and operations:

Mayor Giles noted that the city and county will have a joint meeting on February 7 at 4:00 pm to discuss the agreements. Giles explained the purpose and history of the agreements and answered questions. Giles suggested the ad valorem tax exchange agreement should stay in place; without the agreement there would be no need for the cooperative agreement because the city tax base alone is not sufficient to fund the various shared functions.

Mayor Giles explained that with the cooperative agreement for sharing responsibilities and costs, there is a 65/35 shared cost based on assessed valuation. The city pays one hundred percent of the fire department maintenance person and the maintenance of the city fire equipment. The

county pays one hundred percent of the PERS on the volunteer fire fighter deemed wages and the city takes care of the reporting and administration.

Council member Reynolds questioned the \$7,000 allocated to economic development. The mayor said he believes it is applied to the economic development person's salary. Reynolds asked how the remainder of the salary was funded. City Clerk Wilcox said it is her understanding a portion of the transient lodging tax (room tax) was allocated to pay the salary.

No action was taken.

Controlled substances / state laws / taxing / local regulations:

Mayor Giles explained that the county has excluded dispensaries within the county, even though dispensaries are legal in the State of Nevada. Giles suggested that since it is legal for a dispensary business to operate by state law, it is advisable for the city to adopt regulations for a dispensary business on the chance that such a business would desire to operate in the city. The city could then impose the license fees for the business, establish the locations where the business would be allowed (such as not within a certain distance of schools, parks, churches, etc.), mandate the security system requirements and the requirements for police department oversight. There may never be a business that wants to locate in the city (the market is limited), but if the decision was made to establish such a business, the regulations would be in place to legally exercise fees and controls. Without regulations, there is no ability to impose fees or exercise controls. The council discussed the pros and cons of having a dispensary within the city limits.

No action was taken; the matter will be placed on a future agenda for action.

Transient lodging funds, uses and regulations:

Mayor Giles explained that at one time, the city and county ordinances which imposed the room tax were identical, but at some point in time the county elected to change the time period (shortened it) by which a taxpayer could request a refund of the tax they paid if the room rental was "long term." The city collects the tax for both county and city, which is then transferred to the county for use with the recreation facilities (primarily the ball fields and swimming pool). There was discussion on having the city portion of the tax administered by the city. It was noted that the county portion of the tax is minimal, probably less than ten businesses contribute.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on February 7, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk