

**THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 16, 2023 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Visitors: Heidi Lusby- Angvick (PCEDA), Cindy Plummer, Shea Murphy, Lisa Moura, Dave Cerini, Jeff Kearns, Russell Fecht, Jerry Allen, Ann-Marie Fenner, Tina Gallagher, Dave Skoglie, Blake Portman, Whitney Hostman, Ken Rackley, Mackenzie Hodges, Corinne Nelsen, Maria Montes, Stephanie Minor, Lee Ann Gallagher, Neil Gallagher, Peg Gomen, Carol Shank, Laura Katsaris, Pamela Barnes, Mike Wurm (Boys & Girls Club), Chad Peters (Boys & Girls Club), Charlsie Wilcox, Cody Wilcox, Steve Cerini, Lance Condi, and two other persons whose names were illegible on the sign-in sheet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:**

Lee Ann Gallagher commented that the City should not fund the fitness court which she believes is a \$500,000 project. She expressed concern there will be no 24-hour supervision which will subject to facility to vandalism, the company is a for-profit venture and existing facilities in town need to be maintained. Gallagher suggested there needs to be a vision for the community. Neil Gallagher noted a community vision was discussed in the Brownfields meeting but no final project was produced. Heidi Lusby-Angvick replied there was a change in the grant administration and a final report is forthcoming.

Jerry Allen read letters from Paul Roybal, Bobbie Roybal and Susan Wright concerning a proposed boys and girls club and the condition of the Amherst Park.

**MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:**

Council member Reynolds moved to approve the May 2, 2023 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.

**LIVESTOCK KEEPING PERMIT / WEED ABATEMENT-CONTROL / 595 ROSE WAY:**

Maria (Lola) Montes requested a permit per Lovelock Municipal Code Chapter 11.650 *et seq.* to allow goats on the vacant lot property located at 595 Rose Way from May 16, 2023 to August 30, 2023 to abate and control the weeds. Attempts to control the weeds with tractors, sterilization and pulling have been unsuccessful. One neighbor disagreed with allowing the goats.

Council member McKinney moved to permit the keeping of goats on property located at 595 Rose Way from May 17, 2023 to August 30, 2023 for weed abatement and control.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET-FINAL BUDGET:**

Mayor Giles stated a letter was received from the Department of Taxation indicating the submitted tentative budget is in compliance with law and regulation. After consultation with the city auditor, Giles recommended increasing by ten percent (10%) the budgeted amounts for electric, gas and workers compensation. If the budget expenses are increased, the ending fund balance will be 17.21% of the budget.

Mayor Giles asked for public comment. There was none.

Council member McKinney moved to approve the tentative budget with the proposed ten percent (10%) increases for electric, gas and workers compensation expenses for fiscal year 2023-2024 as the final budget, and to authorize submission to the Department of Taxation.

Motion carried unanimously.

**FITNESS COURT \$50,000 GRANT OFFER / RENOWN:**

Council member Reynolds moved to not accept the offered \$50,000 grant from Renown for use towards the construction of an outdoor fitness court.

Motion carried unanimously.

**FITNESS COURT \$100,000 ARPA FUNDS PROPOSAL:**

Mayor Giles stated a back-up generator for the city will cost about \$100,000, leaving about \$40,000 of unallocated ARPA funds. Giles noted that based on the citizen concerns expressed about the condition of Amherst Park, it appears the funds should be used for the park; but now that other proposals are being advanced, the suggested uses may be off the table. Police Chief Mancebo commented that the park playground equipment could be repaired or replaced. Council member Skoglie suggested the park could be fixed by zeroscaping it.

Council member Skoglie moved to not fund \$100,000 from the ARPA fund account for a fitness court.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB \$100,000 GRANT FROM THE ARPA FUND:**

Mike Wurm, Truckee Meadows Boys & Girls Club (TMBGC) president, Chad Peters TMBGC director, and Tina Gallagher, local FCC deputy director, were introduced. Wurm said there is no guaranteed space for a boys and girls club in the local schools. Now that TMBGC is established they have been able go into rural areas to offer their services. They are in schools at Fernley, Ely, Tonopah and Panaca. Funds are raised for staff expenses. There are sources of money available

now that were not previously an option, including state sources, Reno-based foundations, mines and other employers. They typically provide services for 6 to 18-year-olds and can accept children as young as six weeks old at some facilities. They do not compete with other clubs, the object is to take kids into their facilities and work together with other youth programs so as to not run them out of business. Peters commented that the club in Winnemucca partnered with TMBGC.

Colby Burke stated that 4H is not opposed to a boys and girls club, it is used for after school programs.

Wurm said they want to raise two (2) years of operating expenses, which is estimated to be about \$200,000 to \$300,000. The budget is based on the needs of the community. Gallagher noted that between grant writing and fund raising almost \$50,000 has been raised, which is the sum the recreation board said would need to be raised before the board would consider providing funds.

Council member McKinney asked if the city could use ARPA funds to fund a private entity. Wurm said other cities used ARPA funds for funding.

Mayor Giles commented that the city is categorized as low to moderate income and the ARPA funds are being used to get projects done in the city that were unable to be funded in the past.

Council member Skoglie said there needs to be investment in the kids of the community.

Council member Reynolds said he favors a boys and girls club project, but the city funds must be used appropriately. He does not want to just give a blank check, the city needs to know where the funds will be used and questioned if there is a plan in place for use of the funds and whether it is legal to use the ARPA funds for such purpose. Legal Counsel Maher commented that it depends on what the funds are being used for. This proposal is to use the funds for a private entity; the federal legislation specifically designated ARPA funds for use with municipal sewer, water and broadband projects and when used for revenue replacement purposes the funds can be used for city projects. Wurm said TMBGC is a nonprofit and any donations which come to the club can be designated for a Lovelock Boys and Girls club use only.

Mayor Giles expressed concern about the talk of ARPA funds being pulled back and noted the financial condition of the city will not allow repayment if the funds must be returned. Giles said a business plan is needed to show the intended use of the funds. Council member Reynolds remarked that he needed to know the time frame when the funds are needed. Reynolds said he needs more information and asked the Mayor to put together what funds the city has available. Reynolds stated he is 100% in favor of a boys and girls club, but the city must know what the money will be used for and what changes will have to be made to the current projects on the list to be able to fund a boys and girls club project. Legal Counsel Maher stated that the city should have a plan for use of the funds, such as the supplies and staffing needed, which could be provided by TMBGC.

Shea Murphy commented middle school students will benefit from the program. Carol Shank said the funds are public funds which can be used for the community and community kids. Lee Ann Gallagher stated if the city is willing to give \$100,000 toward an outdoor gym with no information on it, there should be no concern with giving to a boys and girls club which have piles of data about their functions [*When the Council voted to approve the minutes, Gallagher requested that she be allowed to provide additional comments she said she made at the meeting and the Council allowed the addition—as of the time of posting these minutes to the city website, no additional*

*comments had been provided*]. Ann Marie Fenner said the city does not need a generator, they can get electricity elsewhere.

Sheriff Allen said he had asked for \$150,000 of the ARPA funds to be used toward a law enforcement radio upgrade program. The program cost now appears to be about \$30,000 less than was first thought. Allen suggested using that \$30,000 along with the \$40,000 of the ARPA funds which have not been allocated, and that will leave the boys and girls club proponents only about \$30,000 short of the \$100,000 goal.

Council member Skoglie moved to approve a \$100,000 grant out of city ARPA money for the boys and girls club.

Motion carried with Council members McKinney and Skoglie voting aye and Council member Reynolds voting nay

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS:**

Mayor Giles stated that the city will have to go back to the drawing board to see what projects can be funded since the radio system is less than expected and there may be no generator. The available funds will have to be prioritized. Giles will have the figures for the next meeting.

No action was taken.

**BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROJECT REPORT:**

Heidi Lusby-Angvick gave a brief breakdown on the completed Brownfields grant projects. One additional phase 1 assessment was completed. The close out report is being finalized. A Humboldt County scholarship grant was used for a conference which will be attended in August, and the per diem will be paid from the economic development budget. There is also a Brownfields conference scheduled for September.

No action was taken.

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

The following licenses and permits were reviewed and considered:

**Special Events Liquor Licenses:**

Mayor Giles explained that a special event liquor license was requested for the Temptations Mother's Day event and the fees had been paid.

Council member McKinney moved to approve the special events liquor license for Temptations, Mother's Day event as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Business Licenses:**

- 902994 – Re-activate – William Burke - Burke Roofing Inc
- 903183 – Sartini Gaming, LLC - Slot Route Operator – Lovelock Junction Casino & Longhorn Bar
- 903184 – Greg Albright – Freedom Forever Nevada, LLC. – Photovoltaic Installation
- 903185 – Aaron Wagner – The Dude – Handyman Services
- 903186 – Kristine Cornejo – Sugar Art Studio – Bakery & Sweet Shoppe
- 903187 – Nick Katsaris – Katsaris Construction LLC. - Construction

**Building Permits:**

23-1749 – Jeff Renner – 855 8th Street Space #75 – Electrical  
23-1750 – Steve Young – 875 Amherst Avenue – Metal Building Casino  
23-1751 – Manuel Jimenez – 1190 Dartmouth Avenue – Gas  
23-1752 – Rick Bostian – 455 13th Street – Freedom Forever – Solar Panels  
23-1753 – Shirley Scilacci – 430 12th Street - HVAC

**PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:**

There were no proclamations or awards.

**STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:**

Council member Reynolds reported there is an RTC meeting scheduled tomorrow; the city has \$170,000 of RTC funds which is not enough to repair 6th street, Meadow Lane, and the sidewalks. An emergency management meeting is scheduled for May 22.

Council member Skoglie attended a PECDA meeting and a health care meeting at which a scholarship was awarded to a local girl.

Council member McKinney suggested looking for grants for the city park and that rubber instead of wood chips should be used. McKinney will take on the project after softball concludes.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) the need to augment the general fund to cover city council wages and city hall utilities; (ii) Q&D was awarded the bid for replacing the G29 bridge which will start in July; (iii) the state is working on a chip seal project and possibly RTC funds could be used if the city can tack on to the state project; (iv) the city hall concrete and wiring for the lights are being worked on, the storage shed has lights and by the end of the week sheeting will be hung inside, the shelving is here, and weed spraying is performed when the wind permits; (v) at the last meeting council member Reynolds made a comment about using some of the ARPA fund for new flags, there are two new flags in the office, and a new one will be raised on Memorial Day; (vi) the council needs to discuss how to handle the CDL requirements as the new federal regulations mandate that each employee must attend driving school which is a week to two weeks long at \$2,000 to \$4,000 cost plus wages and per diem; and, (vii) tomorrow the county commission is doing an amendment to the economic development program, the city is not included.

**VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:**

Council member McKinney moved to approve vouchers numbered 49874 to 49907, inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Council member Reynolds thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on June 6, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

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Michael R. Giles, Mayor

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Terri Wilcox, City Clerk