

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 19, 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: Amanda Turner, Heidi Lusby-Angvick (Economic Development), Rodney Wilcox (Fire Chief), Tom Donaldson and Lacey Donaldson.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Amanda Turner commented that the city should put in a community garden and pay for the water.

Tom Donaldson expressed concern about a motorhome parked on Rose Way and questioned why the occupants are allowed to live in the vehicle where it is placed. There is garbage strewn about, boxes with food have been left behind Donaldson's back fence, and shopping carts have been left on his lot. Donaldson questioned what is being done. He said the city has an ordinance concerning living in a trailer or motorhome within the city limits and not in an RV park. Donaldson stated he is not sure where the sewage is going. Council member Reynolds noted he is aware of the situation and understands the police department is taking care of the problem. A notice has been given to the vehicle occupants and the next step is a citation.

Rodney Wilcox commented: (i) that the weeds and trash on the property at 1355 W. Broadway have expanded into an adjacent lot; (ii) he has concerns about the Randolph building permit and that no work is being done on the building and they either need to take it down or finish it; (iii) the drain at the corner by the Depot building is either gone or covered over; and, (iv) the street by his house was not done correctly (with the recent slurry seal project) and the council was (according to Wilcox) supposed to get bids to get the street done right because it has a big hole in it.

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Pershing County Economic Development Authority executive director, reported she intends to propose to the county commission to look into a low power FM radio station. The applications for permits only become available once every 10 years. The station could be used for emergency broadcasting and broadcasting meetings and events. The application cost is \$700. She also reported: (i) Jonathan Reynolds will be a speaker at the Nevada 95-80 RDA Futures event to be held next week in Winnemucca; (ii) UNR hosted a Lithium seminar; (iii) she attended a WNDD meeting in Winnemucca; (iv) Great Basin College is working with communities to provide work place assistance; (v) she attended a USDA meeting about telecommunication facilities; (v) the Brownfields grant is closed out, there were 28 Phase 1 studies completed and there is one more project that is pending; (vi) Uprise Fiber started work on the broadband project in September which will have the capability of serving 1600 residences and 22 farms and businesses. She suggested those persons seeking the broadband service ask to have the fiber taken to their house as there is no charge while the fiber lines are being installed.

Tom Donaldson advised that the French drain at the end of 6th Street and Jamestown is working but there is some dirt that needs to be removed.

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MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Reynolds moved to approve the September 19, 2023 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 Skoglie 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. There was discussion about the Rita Happy account which has not been paid and kept current as she last promised and agreed. If there is not payment on the account by Friday of this week, the service will be disconnected and not be re-connected until the account is paid in full.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING – NUISANCE DETERMINATION-ABATEMENT / VARIOUS PROPERTIES:

Pictures taken earlier in the day of the various properties depicting the conditions thereon were reviewed and discussed. There were no comments from the public.

Council member Reynolds moved to (1) direct staff to send letters to the owners of the following properties to clean by November 7, 2023 as noted: (i) 885 Western Avenue - pick up the weeds piled beside the fence and clean the remaining weeds in the back yard and around the trailer; and, (ii) 1485 Cornell Avenue - clean the piles of weeds and remove them, and (2) to find that the conditions of the properties at 715 Western Avenue and 945 Elmhurst Avenue constitute a menace to public safety, health and welfare and to order that the conditions constituting a menace be repaired, abated or removed by November 7, 2023

Motion carried unanimously.

RATIFY CHANGE ORDERS / RTC SLURRY SEAL PROJECT:

Mayor Giles reported that the slurry seal work and valley gutter installation portions of the RTC project were completed and a change order was issued to include slurry seal work on Bowean Street for \$7,905 and to re-pave the City Hall parking lot for \$64,872. The work on Bowean was completed when the contractor was on site for the slurry seal work and the parking lot work will be scheduled when the contractor is available and able to mobilize, probably next week

Council member Reynolds moved to approve the change orders to the RTC funded project for the addition of the Bowean Street slurry seal work for \$7,905 and the paving of the City Hall parking lot for \$64,872.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Reynolds asked about possible uses of the remaining balance of the RTC funds and suggested it be discussed on the next council meeting agenda.

REQUEST TO REMOVE-REPLACE CURB AT 525 8TH STREET:

Mayor Giles advised that Amanda Turner, resident of 525 8th Street, requested this item (to remove the existing standard curb at her residence and replace it with a driveway curb) to be on an agenda to discuss. Giles noted that he had explained to Turner at the last council meeting that the city did not do this kind of work for private persons because it would put the city in competition with local private contractors.

Turner explained that she is totally disabled, and it is her belief that this project could have been done when the streets were being done. She also believes that it is a city problem and the city needs to fix it.

Council member McKinney stated that the city owns the curb, but if a property owner wants to change the curb to suit their situation, then it is the property owner responsibility, not a city responsibility. Council member Reynolds reiterated that changing the curb is not a city problem and if Turner wants a different curb, then she needs to make the change.

No action was taken.

SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSES:

There was discussion about the reasons and if it is necessary to bring the special event liquor license applications to the council for consideration. It was explained that the reason the special event license matters started coming to the council was because some of the applicants for non-profit groups requested waiver of the license fee (\$15) and staff did not have the authority to waive the fee. There was concurrence that the special events liquor license applications are an administrative function and the mayor and staff can handle them and report to the council.

Council member McKinney moved to approve the special events liquor license for Temptations, for October 6-7, October 13-14 and October 20-21 for the annual ghost tour and hayrides.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Fire Chief Wilcox reported that the fire department is waiting for parts to finish the repairs and maintenance of the fire truck. Wilcox complained about the Sterling Murphy property not having streets, curbs or gutters as they were depicted (according to Wilcox) in the original plans. He stated he will come in (to City Hall) tomorrow to look at the plans; he believes the development is a subdivision. Wilcox asked if anything was happening with the weeds at Lovelock Garden Apartments. City Clerk Wilcox commented that Lovelock Garden Apartments potential nuisance is scheduled to be on the next council meeting agenda. Legal Counsel Maher explained that the Sterling Murphy property, including the driveway areas, is private property and if the owner elected to not complete certain proposed improvements, then that is a property owner decision. In any case, the driveways are not city streets subject to city control.

Council member Reynolds reported he will be speaking at the Nevada 95-80 RDA Futures meeting about the school district activities, city economic development, and how to entice businesses to locate in this area. There has not been an RTC meeting recently, but he plans to work on scheduling a meeting to discuss the need for repairs to city streets, etc. He attended a LEPSE meeting at which the need to prepare for disasters was discussed.

Council member Skoglie reported she attended the PECDA meeting and that Heidi Lusby-Angvick was appointed to the Health Foundation and the foundation is working on picking a new date for their annual fund-raising dinner.

Council member McKinney reported that she had the opportunity to play pickle ball and enjoyed it; she suggested the lines on the tennis courts be painted permanently for pickle ball. She noted McDougal field is a mess with weeds, the portable toilet has not been cleaned and is disgusting, and she will bring up the field status at the next Recreation Board meeting.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) five persons were interviewed for reserve police officer positions and there are a couple of candidates that should be considered for POST attendance; (ii) next week city public works will be painting cross walks and curbs; (iii) the new signs for the school are ready to be installed when the school district has the time to install them; (iv) the school signs which were replaced could be used on 14th Street and at other streets; (v) the new waste hauling truck is expected to be delivered by Christmas; (vi) the newest of the city garbage trucks currently in use is broke down and Silver State International wants about \$20,000 to take it to Reno and repair it, however, the city previously had problems with that company for not correctly fixing the garbage truck problems which resulted in the city not paying the bill; (vii) the city hall re-roofing will be completed by October 30; (viii) the city is working on building appraisals; and, (viii) he will be in Carson City next Tuesday and Wednesday for insurance committee hearings.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member McKinney moved to approve vouchers numbered 50205 to 501271, inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on November 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk