

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 07, 2023, AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor	Michael Giles
	Council members	Jonathan Reynolds
		Bonnie Skoglie
		Jordan McKinney
	Police/Office Clerk	Mariah Mancebo
	Police Chief	Michael Mancebo
	Legal Counsel	Kent Maher

Visitors: Chad Chambers, Amanda Boney and Rita Happy.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no public comments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

There was no report.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Skoglie moved to approve the October 17, 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 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:

Mayor Giles gave a brief report on the Rita Happy account, the payments, her agreement to make regular payments, and explained that the service had been terminated again for nonpayment. Happy claimed she had tried to make a payment, but the office would not accept it. Council member Skoglie noted the council has been trying to work with Happy for a very long time and has been very flexible and lenient in allowing Happy to make manageable payments and keep the service turned on, even though Happy has not made the payments as she agreed.

Council member Reynolds moved that the sewer service for the Happy account be reinstated when the full amount of the delinquent account is paid in full.

Motion carried unanimously.

Happy was advised to speak with the City Clerk about the outstanding balance of the unpaid account and arrangements for payment.

PUBLIC HEARING / NUISANCE DETERMINATION-ABATEMENT / VARIOUS PROPERTIES:

Photographs of the subject properties taken earlier in the day were reviewed by the council. The mayor advised this is a public hearing and called for comments. No property owners were present and no members of the public made comments.

Council member Reynolds moved: (i) to find based on the evidence presented that the condition of the properties at 885 Western Avenue, 715 Western Avenue and 945 Elmhurst Avenue still constitute a menace to public health and safety; (ii) to authorize the city public works crew to clean the properties; and, (iii) to have the city place a lien against each property for the costs of the cleanup of that property.

Motion carried unanimously.

The consensus of the council was that the following properties do not constitute a menace to public health, safety or welfare but there should be additional work as follows: (i) at 1485 Cornell Avenue the piles of weeds on the property should be cleaned up and removed before the next council meeting; (ii) at 445 Camellia Way the weeds around the edge of the fence need to be cleared; and, (iii) at 13 Marzen Lane the property needs some more clearing and cleaning.

The consensus of the council was that the following properties do not constitute a menace to public health, safety or welfare: 1190 Franklin Avenue, 1160 Franklin Avenue, 1460 Grinnell Avenue, 530 E. Broadway and 745 Dartmouth Avenue.

Council member Reynolds moved: (i) to find based on the evidence presented that the condition of the properties at 845 Western Avenue, 740 Franklin Avenue, 1535 Franklin Avenue, 1645 Grinnell Avenue and 810 Grinnell Avenue constitute a menace to public safety, health and welfare; and, (ii) to order the property owners to repair, abate or remove the conditions constituting a menace before the next city council meeting on December 5, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK / 720 WESTERN AVENUE:

Chad Chambers, a city resident, explained that his son, Kayden, is involved in 4H and wants to keep a project pig at their 720 Western Avenue residence beginning in December and continuing through the end of May. They have contacted the immediate neighbors and there are no objections to the keeping of a 4H animal.

Council member McKinney moved to approve the keeping of a 4H project animal at 720 Western Avenue as requested contingent upon an inspection and approval from animal control.

Motion carried unanimously.

RTC FUNDS PROJECTS:

Mayor Giles explained that about \$60,000 of RTC funds remain after the street slurry seal and city hall paving projects. Giles suggested the funds be set aside for various street signs which are needed throughout the city and for new school signs. The stop signs have been on order for several months, but no other signs have been ordered.

Council member Reynolds asked about the pavement cuts in some of the city streets. Mayor Giles explained that they were done by the Lovelock Meadows Water District and the repairs were made with cold mix. The council suggested that they would like to have someone from the water district explain what they are doing or intend to do with the street patching.

Council member Reynolds said he would like to find a project now and not sit on the funds. Mayor Giles explained that the funds could be rolled into the RTC allotment which will be received next year or held for emergency street repairs, noting there were some unanticipated RTC expenses incurred in the recent past.

No action was taken.

FORMER BERND HOTEL PROPERTY / USE-DISPOSITION PROPOSALS:

Mayor Giles explained that former Bernd Hotel property was acquired by the city to satisfy an unpaid lien the city placed on the property for the costs of demolition and clean-up of the hotel structure which had been declared a safety hazard by the fire marshal. The city has expended about \$26,000 in costs for the property and several years ago it was appraised for \$34,000. The neighboring property owner came to a previous council meeting requesting to buy the property. The property will have to be appraised again if there is to be a sale.

There was discussion about the neighbor storing equipment (U-Hauls) on the property and the potential liability with using the property without some sort of agreement in place. The council suggested the property owner be notified to move the stored equipment off the city property. Legal Counsel Maher will draft a letter to that effect.

No action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

Mayor Giles proclaimed November 10-11 as Red and Black Days in commemoration of the Pershing County High School girls volleyball team and boys football team advancing to the state championship rounds.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Police Chief Mancebo reported that the animal shelter supervisor informed him of her intended resignation. When the written resignation is received, the position will be advertised. Mancebo will report on the motorhome on Rose Way at the next meeting.

Council member Reynolds reported that he presented at the recent economic development Futures Forum in Winnemucca and it went well; he is looking forward to attending next year.

Council member McKinney reported that the recreation board discussed painting the lines on the city tennis courts; the recreation board will pay for the paint. McKinney questioned if the city tennis courts could be converted to pickleball courts, since the activity is enjoying much popularity these days. Mayor Giles noted that there are still people playing tennis. The city could possibly paint lines for pickleball on the tennis court and also consider building a pickleball court.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) the police department received a JAG grant in the amount of \$58,700 for vehicle cameras; (ii) the new executive director of the Nevada League of Cities visited with the mayor when he recently came through Lovelock; (iii) the new roof for city hall is almost complete; (iv) donations for the food bank are low this year and a collection box will be placed at each entrance to city hall; and, (vi) due to the Thanksgiving holiday that week the second council meeting in November will be cancelled and due to the Angel Tree project almost completely occupying the meeting room, the second council meeting in December will be canceled.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member McKinney moved to approve vouchers numbered 50272 to 50310, inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on December 5, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk