

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 05, 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: Chuck Cummins, Ken Rackley and Galen Reese.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Chuck Cummins stated that he believes there will be a noise issue if a pickleball court is installed.

There were no other comments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Council member Skoglie reported the presentation for Up Rise fiber went well.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Skoglie moved to approve the November 7, 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 advised that the tribal council paid the Rita Happy account in full and the sewer service to the property was restored.

There was some discussion about the notice procedure for delinquent accounts and the possibility of sending a notice after sixty (60) days instead of ninety (90) days, which is the current practice, and to possibly consider a change to the ordinance. Legal Counsel Maher will look into it.

City Clerk Wilcox presented a write off list for review. Giles explained that the outstanding balance on a property that is sold may be collected when the next person moves into the place.

Council member McKinney moved to approve the write off list.

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

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 to comment 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 property at 1645 Grinnell Avenue constitutes a menace to public health and safety; (ii) to authorize the city public works crew to clean the property; and, (iii) to have the city place a lien against each property for the costs of the cleanup of that property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member McKinney moved to find that the condition of the properties at 810 Grinnell Avenue and 845 Western Avenue does not constitute a menace to public health, safety or welfare and that letters be sent to the property owners to finish the cleanup by the next council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

PICKLEBALL COURTS:

Mayor Giles commented that it is possible to paint permanent lines on the city tennis courts to create pickleball courts, as has been suggested. Giles suggested placement of fencing around the basketball court and making it a pickleball court. The interested persons should work with the Recreation Board about installing a new pickleball court.

Council member McKinney advised Chuck Cummins (who commented about pickleball court noise earlier in the meeting) that she and other persons working on establishing pickleball courts are aware that there is noise connected with pickleball.

No action was taken.

EMPLOYEE SEPARATION PAYMENT REQUEST:

Mayor Giles explained that former employee Laura Iniguez has accrued 142.09 hours of vacation time and 52.50 hours of compensation time, which have not been paid. She does not qualify for sick time because she was not employed for the required five (5) year eligibility period.

Council member McKinney moved to approve to pay Laura Iniguez for 142.09 hours of vacation and 52.50 hour of compensation as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHECKING ACCOUNT STATUS DESIGNATION-SIGNATORIES:

Mayor Giles explained that it is proposed to establish the city general checking account as a sweep account in which the funds in the account are swept every day and the funds are invested at 4% ARP (currently) which will result in about \$250.00 a month that could be used for projects for the city.

Council member Skoglie moved to approve changing the city general checking account into a sweep account and to designate the mayor and city clerk to be the authorized signatories on the account as requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING CANCELLATIONS- DECEMBER 19, 2023 AND JANUARY 2, 2024:

Council member Reynolds moved to cancel the December 19, 2023 and the January 2, 2024 regular city council meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY CLEANUP REPORT-945 ELMHURST AVENUE AND 715 WESTERN AVENUE:

Mayor Giles reported he has not discussed the cleanup with the public works director due to the efforts of the department at completing other city projects, including the Christmas decorations. There was a fire at 945 Elmhurst Avenue so that property is in worse condition now.

No action was taken.

MOTORHOME REPORT-530 ROSE WAY:

Chief Mancebo reported that the persons previously occupying the motor home parked at 530 Rose Way moved back to California. The motorhome is legally parked on property owned by those persons.

No action was taken.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Chief Mancebo reported that the paperwork for the JAG grant in the amount of \$58,700 is complete, and the new server and the cameras for the police vehicles will soon be installed.

Council member Reynolds thanked the mayor for declaring red and black day for the school. The football team played well at the Raider stadium and the volleyball team also played very well. Reynolds commended Temptations for putting on a great Parade of Lights event. There is still speeding on Central Avenue.

Council member Skoglie asked about the letter concerning the unauthorized occupancy of city property (Bernd Hotel property), and if the city had the funds to give the employees something for Christmas. Mayor Giles noted an employee Christmas Party is scheduled for December 19 at 11:30 am.

Council member McKinney reported that there was no recreation board meeting.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) the auditors requested a special meeting to approve the audit report; (ii) a special liquor license request for Temptations for Thanksgiving, the Parade of Lights and the hay rides on Thursdays until December 16 was approved; (iii) the sewer rates go up \$2.50 January 2024; (iv) the city needs to revisit the garbage rates; (v) he met with employees to discuss possible staffing and governing board changes this next year due to retirements and elections; (vi) the newest old garbage truck was repaired for about \$2,000 with most of the work done in-house, and the new garbage truck is now in Sacramento for completion of the build; and, (vii) a former animal control person was rehired.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member McKinney moved to approve vouchers numbered 50311 to 50372, inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Rackley told the board that the robotics competition we well.

Galen Reese thanked the city for all the Christmas decoration lights. There was only one problem during the parade of lights with someone throwing candy.

NOT APPROVED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on January 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk