

**THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 19, 2024 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Visitors: Heidi Lusby-Angvick (PCEDA), Diana Munden, LeeAnn Gallagher, Tina Gallagher, Kelly Thompson, Jill Plimpton, Scott Plimpton, Anna Vidales, Cecelia Thornhill, Shayla Hudson, Whitney Hostman, Blake Portman and Kirsten Hertz. There were others in attendance who did not sign in. McKade Lusk, Carl Wright, Nick Pexton, Paul Tune with the Rocky Mountain Installers were present.

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

There was no public comments, personal communication or correspondence.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Nick Pexton, Rocky Mountain Installers representative, gave a presentation and update on the USDA Reconnect-UpRise Fiber “Fiber to the Home” project. The environmental reviews are completed, and the engineering is in the final stages. Thirty percent (30%) of the project will be underground with seventy percent (70%) aerial. Pexton suggested that residents sign up with the initial construction even if they do not intend to use the service initially and may take the service at a later date, because there will not be a charge for the drop to a house. Phase 1 will be completed in September 2024, and phase 2 is scheduled for completion in 2025. UpRise will be sending out mailers and doing door to door advertising. The minimum customer monthly charge will be \$30.00. There is a five (5) year time period by which the grant must be used and two (2) years have elapsed.

**MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:**

Mayor Giles requested a couple of corrections under staff reports, the League meeting is April 12 and the Pool/Pact meeting is April 18-19, not March.

Council member McKinney moved to approve the March 5, 2024 regular meeting minutes with the requested corrections.

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.

Mayor Giles explained that: Brian Smith did not come in until Friday to sign the payment agreement; one of the people on the list will be on the next agenda for revocation of their business license for non-payment of room tax; and, the city clerk is working with another customer to get the account current.

Richard Happy was present to request an extension until the next day to pay his account in full. He was directed to speak with the city clerk.

Mayor Giles also explained that the week of April 14th the city will install a new sewer line between Elmhurst and Franklin Avenue.

**REQUEST FOR REPAIRS ON 17TH STREET:**

Scott Plimpton thanked the city crew for filling in the potholes, but some of the holes were six to eight inches deep and he questions whether the fill will stay in the holes. Mayor Giles explained that the city crew was unable to break up the road with the scrapers, and it will need to be wet in order to properly scrape it. Lovelock Meadows Water District will be helping with this when they maintain their fire hydrants. Giles said the city is trying to develop a solution and hopes to be able to maintain the road more often.

Jill Plimpton stated that with the 4-H pens now being on that road, there will be more use. Kirsten Hertz advised she has called at least three times in the past and nothing has happened.

**ACCURED VACATIONS HOURS PAYMENT / TIMOTHY PAYNTON:**

Mayor Giles explained that the employee was employed over a year and is eligible for the 112 hours of accrued vacation time payment, but city policy provides there must be five (5) years employment to receive accrued sick time payment.

Council member Skoglie moved to authorize payment to Timothy Paynton for 112 accrued vacation hours.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:**

There were no proclamations or awards.

**STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:**

Chief Mancebo reported that a reserve officer is currently undergoing a background check and will start next month and attend POST in July. The other reserve officer will be starting in the next couple of weeks

Council member Reynolds attended an emergency management meeting. Reynolds said the Zoom needs to get up and running and it would be helpful to have microphones so persons in the back of the meeting room can hear. Police Chief Mancebo said he is working on the Zoom which requires re-installing a camera and installation of sound speakers. Reynolds also asked about the swimming pool and pickleball courts. Mancebo explained there will be concrete quotes considered at the next recreation board meeting, pool filters are installed, the grate for the old filter pit has been installed, there are now two sand tanks, and when the pool is drained, Terra Firms will

replace some tiles in the deep end so they will be colored red per Pool/Pact guidelines. ADA toilets for the restrooms are being worked on. Once the baby pool is concreted in, there will be shade and tables placed nearby.

Council member Skoglie reported that there will be a fund raiser and also murder mystery game in August that will go toward the health scholarship.

Council member McKinney stated that there was no recreation board meeting for March, and the next meeting should be in April.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) a special events liquor license for Temptations for St. Patty's Day was approved; (ii) the Governor met with the mayors and presented a three (3) year policy plan and discussed press releases; (iii) he met with UpRise Fiber this morning, there will be daily project inspections and updates from Rocky Mountain; (iv) he met with the purchaser of six (6) lots on Camellia Way who intends to build single family homes with the first home ready for sale by July; and, (v) Nevada Rural Housing is interested in acquiring the city yard to construct 22 to 24 housing units, and a Brownfields study is started. The food bank will remain at the location.

Council member Reynolds asked about the status of the property clean ups. Giles reported that employees have not been available due to attendance at a building class in Denver and becoming updated on the building information, and preparing for certification testing for spraying of weeds.

**VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:**

Council member McKinney moved to approve vouchers numbered 50589 to 506188 inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

LeeAnn Gallagher stated that they are working on a cleanup day. Mayor Giles advised her to let the city know the date and as many dumpsters as possible will be provided.

Diana Munden read a letter about certain people in this community going after an employee and her opinion of the unfairness of such action. LeeAnn Gallagher and Tina Gallagher said they were offended by the letter and by Munden's comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on April 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

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Michael R. Giles, Mayor

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Terri Wilcox, City Clerk