

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 16, 2024, AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Visitors: Heidi Lusby-Angvick (PCEDA), Doris Bridges, Russell Fecht, Jewels Crable, Bryan Ruddell, Bobbie Roybal, Cecilea Thornhill, Connie Campbell, Chuck Cummins, Kirsten Hertz, Lee Ann Gallagher, Anna Vidales, Tina Gallagher, Kelly Thompson, Laura Katsaris, Amanda Burrows, Tom Donaldson, Corinne Nelsen, Peggy Jones, and Shawn Thornhill.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Doris Bridges read a letter about the attitudes of persons in opposition to the fitness court and commented about personal attacks on social media posts.

Lee Ann Gallagher questioned how a fitness court will help the community and why, after the proposal was voted down by the council, the project was continuing.

Kirsten Hertz suggested the fitness park is not a “one or the other” situation and when a grant is available it should be used.

Kelly Thompson remarked the fitness court has been voted down and questioned why it is being discussed again. Mayor Giles explained that the city did not vote against the project, the vote was to not contribute funds to the project.

Chuck Cummins spoke about the water rights applications which he believes will affect Pershing County and the city and urged the public to be aware of what is going on.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick reported she has had two weeks of continuous meetings, including: the WNDD Summit; the UNR Symposium on the Lithium mine which covered the process from mining to end product; the Rural Roundup which offered a grant workshop and an influencer session to explain how entities need to use a person who is enthusiastic about their platform; a meeting with the lieutenant governor to discuss problems with local businesses; and business meetings in Fallon. Lusby-Angvick pointed out she is not a grant writer for the county.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member McKinney moved to approve the April 2, 2024 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. Council member Reynolds asked the clerk to call Rita Happy to remind her to make a payment.

No action was taken.

FITNESS COURT-PICKLEBALL COURT PROPOSAL / AMHERST PARK:

PCEDA Director Lusby-Angvick explained again how the grant funding for the fitness court project was obtained, and the economic development approval of \$40,000 and the county \$20,000 authorization toward the project, noting that none of the grant funding is taxpayer dollars. The grant funds can only be used for a fitness court and nothing else. The money from the recreation board will be for a one-time cost to pour the concrete.

Council member Skoglie said she toured the park with Lusby-Angvick and has done some research on obtaining equipment for the park, and does not think that is a good way to spend city funds. The use of grant funds will cost the city nothing.

Council member McKinney remarked the use of the grant funding is contingent on the city allowing the park to be used for the project and the recreation board paying for the concrete for a fitness court and pickleball court.

Lusby-Angvick stated that she met with Pacer AI, they did a geofence (a target of a specific geographic area to obtain specific, location-based content for use of by a defined audience) from Main Street to the park, and yearly about 3,000 persons are at the park with an average stay of 15 to 30 minutes. Lusby-Angvick reminded that there is already work being done at the park, notably the sidewalks. She explained there are apps for phones that tell where the next fitness court is located and that provide ideas for workouts. As a business community, Lovelock has a hard time because there is very little to offer to encourage persons to want to live and work here.

There was discussion about: what needs to be done in the park; removal of the broken playground equipment for safety reasons; possibly procuring grants to cover the costs of projects because the city has no money to put toward equipment or improvements; and, possibly providing a dog park.

Council member Reynolds questioned if the proposed fitness court-pickleball court will have any negative impacts and what type of maintenance will be required. Reynolds suggested the courts will be an improvement over the current state of the park.

Mayor Giles commented that removal of grass to make room for the courts will save the city money on water for irrigation and chemicals (weed control).

Council member Reynolds move to authorize use of a section of the Amherst Park to construct a fitness court and pickleball court with the understanding that the city has no funding for the project and that the Recreation Board is responsible the concrete and setup costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT-BUDGET PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / EIDE BAILLY:

Mayor Giles explained that Eide Bailly submitted proposals to provide professional services to conduct the annual audit for \$60,000 and assist with budget related functions for \$14,000.

Council member McKinney moved to approve the professional services proposals from Eide Bailly for \$14,000 for the tentative budget preparation and \$60,000 for the audit.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

The Mayor proclaimed September 21, 2024 as the Substance Use, Prevention, Harm Reduction and Recovery Awareness day.

STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Police Chief Mancebo reported that Lee Herron was hired and started work April 8 and will attend POST in July. The card camera system, obtained with a \$58,000 grant, has now been installed in the police units. Computer units with touch screens can utilize the program.

Council member Reynolds attended the RTC meeting, and work is continuing on summer and fall projects. The emergency management meeting discussed whether the community is really ready if a disaster happens, and that the effort will be to do the best that can be done.

Council member Skoglie reported that there will be a fund raiser on August 10 and a murder mystery game on May 4. The fundraiser has a \$55.00 entry fee which includes a complimentary glass of wine. So far, some good donations have been pledged.

Council member McKinney said there was a Recreation Board meeting last week, but she was unable to attend.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) attending via Zoom the emergency management meeting about sheltering in place; (ii) the tentative budget was sent to the department of taxation; (iii) working on the 2024-2025 budget which has a projected ending fund balance of 15.9%; (iv) the Pool/Pact investment training, executive board meeting about insurance rates, and the annual board meetings are upcoming; (v) attending the economic development meetings last week; (vi) WNDD is losing one or two businesses because they are unable to get a commitment from NV Energy; (vii) NDOT has two or three potential solar projects, but nowhere for the energy to go; (viii) receiving a 4-H/FFA flyer for the Community Clean-up Day; (ix) the newest garbage truck is out of service, so the older truck is being used, and Silver State estimates they can work on the truck for \$46,000 if they come to Lovelock to repair it or \$40,000 if it is taken to their shop; and, (x) he will be gone the rest of the week.

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 Skoglie moved to approve vouchers numbered 50645 to 50688 inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Connie Campbell stated that the maintenance was never done on the playground equipment, and questioned why anyone would think that there will be maintenance done on the courts.

Lee Ann Gallagher said she is not happy with the vote, and that everything she said is not a misquote, and she does not like being called a liar. She suggested the board members need to be at the cleanup day.

Amanda Burrows said she is disappointed with the vote; it does not seem to her that it matters what the community wants.

Bobbie Roybal suggested someone needs to write grants, and questioned why the city does not have a grant writer. Mayor Giles reminded that it depends on the grant, many grants require matches so caution must be exercised to not commit funds unless they are available. If anyone wants to discuss city business, start at the mayor's office.

Russell Fecht commented that the Lions Club park, which is on city property, there were upgrades made to the park and other service groups helped out.

Council member Reynolds stated that there is a need to build on service organizations because government is not the solution.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on May 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk