

**THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

Visitors: Tom Donaldson, Connie Campbell, Neil Gallagher and Rodney Wilcox.

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

There was no public comment, personal communication or correspondence.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

There was no report.

**MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:**

Mayor Giles explained that because of the auditors being here the minutes are not ready for review. They will be on the next agenda.

**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 McKinney 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:**

There was no delinquent account list because it is the beginning of the month.

**BLM LEASE PROPOSAL / FIRE HOUSE SPACE:**

The council directed staff to propose a lease amount and lease length to the contracting officer.

**MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES AND FEES PROPOSAL:**

Mayor Giles explained the ordinance draft provided to the council is substantially similar to the draft ordinance previously proposed and set for public hearing.

Council member Reynolds expressed concern about which zoning designations should allow marijuana establishments, and questioned if background checks for business license applicants should be performed and if a fee should be charged for background checks, if the city has liability issues for denying a license application, and if other businesses should be notified of the possibility of a neighboring dispensary business and have the ability to voice their concerns. Legal Counsel Maher noted that privilege business license applications, such as for marijuana dispensaries, are subject to denial if the applicant does not meet the licensing requirements. It is contemplated there will be a background check and the fees are part of the application fee. If the business has a valid business license the city should not be subject to legal liability for the acts

or omissions of a licensee. Maher advised that the city regulations must be specific with the requirements so that applicants have a clear understanding of the licensing criteria.

Council member McKinney said the intent is not to price out a potential community business, and suggested the licensing criteria not be more complicated than necessary. McKinney reminded that marijuana is already being used in the community, having a licensed dispensary will not require more police officers. The council should be thinking about the city needs; a dispensary business potentially will result in more tax revenue, which the city needs. Council member Skoglie added that having a dispensary in the city will not make more people use marijuana.

No action was taken, and the matter was continued.

**PUBLIC HEARING / BILL NUMBER 269 / NUISANCE ORDINANCE PROPOSAL TO REPEAL AND REPLACE EXISTING LOVELOCK MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) CHAPER 11:**

There was discussion about the number of chickens allowed, restrictions of the location of a coop to house the chickens, not allowing roosters, requiring yearly permits so animal control can check on them and know who is keeping birds, and the fines for not following the regulations.

No action was taken and the matter was continued.

**PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:**

There were no proclamations or awards.

**STAFF-COUNCIL REPORTS-PROPOSALS:**

Council member Reynolds reported he will attend and speak on AI the Elko Pool/Pact meeting.

Council member McKinney reported that she has had complaints about people parking in the alleys. There was no recreation board meeting.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) attending a debt management committee meeting; (ii) working with the auditors the last two weeks, with the first week spent primarily scanning and providing documents for review, and the second spent week actively working with the audit team; (iii) the police officer attending POST did not pass the gun range test; (iv) four (4) persons were interviewed for the deputy city clerk job; (v) attending a video conference with Nevada League of Cities which is taking a more pro-business approach to their legislation proposals; (vi) there is work on finishing the ground at the pickleball and fitness courts, and there will be a ribbon cutting on October 1; (vii) staff is working with RDC to get valves at the sewer treatment plant replaced and when the check valve is replaced the plant will be shut down for a time; and, (viii) the Maverik construction project is going well, they applied today for a business license and liquor license.

**VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:**

Council member Reynolds moved to approve vouchers numbered 50968 to 50992 inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment-personal communication-correspondence.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on September 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

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Michael R. Giles, Mayor

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Terri Wilcox, City Clerk