

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Visitors: Kameron Mitchell (Pershing County Library), Wendy Nelsen, Cecilia Thornhill, Shawn Thornhill, Rodney Wilcox and Neil Gallagher.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

Wendy Nelsen commented that the Frontier Community Coalition solicited and received seven (7) grants for various projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick was not present at the meeting. Mayor Giles reported that the broadband project was delayed due to issues with NDOT. Council member Skoglie reported that work was being done on the 95-80 website, there will be a meeting in Yerington on September 18 and the Golden Shovel event will be on October 14.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Skoglie moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 meeting with a correction on page 1 in the economic development report of the name "Bob Fox" to "Bob Potts."

Motion carried unanimously.

Council member McKinney moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024 meeting as submitted.

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.

No action was taken.

CITY PROPERTY UNAUTHORIZED USE-TRESPASS / 508 W. BROADWAY:

Council member Skoglie commented there is an ongoing problem with the adjoining property owner placing vehicles and equipment on the property and suggested the need to possibly fence the property and post no trespassing signage. She also asked the Fire Chief Wilcox to call the

State Fire Marshall because of cases and cases of hand sanitizer that are stacked on the owners property and are a fire hazard.

Council member Reynolds asked if staff could be directed to fence the property and post no trespassing signs, and discussed if the trespasser could be cited and if the property could be appraised and sold. The prior appraisal and sale history was explained.

No action was taken.

CITY PROPERTY USE REQUEST / 508 W. BROADWAY / PERSHING COUNTY LIBRARY:

Kameron Mitchell, Pershing County Library representative, asked if the library could use the 508 W. Broadway property for a community garden program. By next spring a grant should be in place to help with expenses. The garden will consist of raised beds. The plan is to start small and grow as needed. Mitchell questioned if a shed could be placed on the property to store tools and supplies. There were questions about the liability for the property use and if there was water and electricity to the property.

Mayor Giles stated that there is a ¾ inch water service on the property and the city is currently paying the standby fee for the service. Giles suggested a free standing faucet for watering will be needed and it should have a lock to prevent unauthorized use. Giles said he sees no issue with having a shed on the property and the liability should be covered under the county insurance coverage (the library is covered under the county policy). Giles recommended Mitchell speak with the new mayor when the time comes to work out the details.

Council member McKinney moved to authorize the Pershing County Library to use the property at 508 W. Broadway for programming as explained.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING / 530 8TH STREET / NUISANCE DETERMINATION:

The council reviewed photographs of the subject property taken earlier in the day.

Mayor Giles explained that his understanding is that the property is being sold and the sale is supposed to close on September 25.

Council member Reynolds moved to find that the condition of the property at 530 8th Street constitutes a menace to public health, safety and welfare and to send the owner a notice that the nuisance must be abated by the next city council meeting on October 1.

Motion carried unanimously.

CARE FLIGHT EMERGENCY AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE INSURANCE RENEWAL:

Mayor Giles explained that the city has purchased the air ambulance service insurance for all city employees for several years. The cost is \$40.00 per employee and it covers all the members the employee's family living in the same household.

Council member Reynolds moved to approve renewal of the air ambulance service insurance for city employees for the next year at a cost of \$40.00 per employee.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE AND SET FOR HEARING AN ORDINANCE FOR MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES AND FEES:

Mayor Giles provided a map depicting the zoning designations for property within the city.

Council member McKinney commented that she had some questions at the last meeting when the regulations were discussed and she spent some time researching for answers. She provided the council with the findings of her research.

Wendy Nelsen, a member of the public, asked if the people of this town wanted a marijuana establishment in town and suggested it should be their choice. Legal Counsel Maher explained that the proposed ordinance is for the purpose of providing rules and regulations applicable to marijuana establishments in the event a such a private business determined to locate in the city. The ordinance proposal does not address and is not intended to address whether such a business is acceptable or unacceptable. Maher noted that the city has not addressed the matter of designating certain zoning districts which allow or do not allow marijuana establishments. It is believed the county has excluded marijuana establishments from all zoning districts. Mayor Giles stated that the proposed ordinance establishes rules and regulations which will provide the city with some measure of control if a marijuana business elects to operate in the city.

Council member McKinney moved to introduce and set for public hearing the proposed ordinance to amend the Lovelock Municipal Code to add a new chapter providing licensing and regulatory requirements for marijuana establishments, providing fees for the application and licensing of marijuana establishment licensees, providing grounds and procedures for revoking marijuana establishment licenses, providing the duties of city officials in relation to marijuana establishment licensing, providing for access of certain officials and officers to marijuana establishment premises, and providing other matters properly related thereto.

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

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

There was a discussion about a yearly special permit fee for the keeping of chickens or ducks.

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 that he attended and participated in a presentation on AI (Artificial Intelligence) at the recent Pool/Pact meetings held in Elko. Reynolds suggested the city check out the Pool/Pact AI policies for public entities and consider implementing the policies.

Council member McKinney reported there was no recreation board meeting.

Fire Chief Wilcox asked about obtaining copies of the weed cleanup notices sent by the city. Council member McKinney commented that most persons want privacy and do not want a bunch of people knowing that they received a notice to clean their property. Mayor Giles advised Wilcox to bring to the city a list of properties Wilcox believes should be put on notice to be cleaned and the city staff will send notices to the property owners, noting that other persons have used that method in the past of addressing weed infested properties.

Mayor Giles reported: (i) a special liquor license was issued for the Chukars fundraising event; (ii) RDC will be on site the 3rd week of October to install valves at the city sewer plant and the plant will be down for a day; (iii) the vehicle charging systems guidelines with NV Energy have changed and now a third party is involved, but there will be no cost to the city and there will be revenue from the third party supplier, and it is anticipated six (6) chargers will be installed in the city parking lot (across the street from city hall) within 30 to 45 days; (iv) the Pool/Pact HR meeting will be held October 30-31; (v) the ground work around the fitness and pickleball courts is being finished and the fencing and concrete work is pending until receipt of a quote for the work; (vi) it is estimated that rubber bark for Amherst Park will cost about \$60,000 and no quote has yet been obtained for installing wood bark; (vii) playground equipment for Amherst Park can be purchased for \$8,700 delivered; (viii) the project manager of the Soleus Spring Valley project said that they could be up and running within two years after permitting approval; and, (ix) a zoom meeting with Uprise Fiber was scheduled for Monday, but Uprise did not attend.

Council member Reynolds questioned if the park items are something that the recreation board could pay for.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Skoglie moved to approve vouchers numbered 509993 to 501030 inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on October 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk