

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

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

Visitors: Patty Bianchi Wilcox, Mark Pilon, Duane Schaeffer, Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Cody Wilcox, Charlsie Duffy-Wilcox, and Neil Gallagher.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no comments, communications or correspondence from the public.

Mayor Giles congratulated the incoming Mayor and City Council member.

Councilmember Reynolds commented that it has been an honor to serve and indicated he will have items for the new mayor concerning the electricity at the Lions Club Park and the city taking over those payments as they own the park, and about having the city provide a dumpster at the new ag pens at the end of 17th Street.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick thanked Mayor Giles for leading through some difficult times, like the great recession when Pershing County was in the epicenter of a drought, and through the pandemic. She complimented Giles as being visionary and for his help in reorganizing the economic development office in 2011, strongly supporting Lusby-Angvick and the PCEDA office, and for the work on the local infrastructure, the broadband committee for over 12 years, the NDOT-G-29 bridge, sidewalk and street improvements, sewer plant upgrades and expansion, NV Energy upgrades, the first Tesla station west of Reno, the workforce development program hosting of numerous employee agencies to meet clients, business development, including Family Dollar, Golden Gate, Maverik, expansions to local business, site visits for potential businesses, and building relationships with developers and builders, and community development, including the Brownfields program, housing, youth in agriculture, youth in scouts, community activities, and arts and tourism. Lusby-Angvick said the preceding is a very short list. She appreciated that Giles always had his door open and remarked that she will miss working with him.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member McKinney moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2024 meeting as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Giles recessed the meeting to have the oath of office administered to the new Mayor and new City Council member for seat A.

Mayor Wilcox called the meeting back to order.

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:

The delinquent account list was reviewed.

No action was taken.

CRITICAL NEED STATUS DESIGNATION / CATEGORY 1 PEACE OFFICER POSITION:

Chief Mancebo explained that over the last two (2) years the police officer position has been filled twice and a short time later it had to be filled again. Currently, of the five (5) authorized positions, only three (3) are filled and there are no candidates for the two (2) vacant positions despite ongoing recruitment efforts. The police officer position has now been vacant for three (3) months, and prior to that time it was vacant for more than a year. All efforts to find candidates to fill the open category 1 peace officer position have been unsuccessful, including: continuous posting of the job announcement on the city website and reaching out to other law enforcement agencies. One position was filled for about six (6) months, but the candidate was unable to become certified.

Legal Counsel Maher explained that the circumstance Mancebo described is similar to the situation faced by numerous agencies throughout the country. By law, the critical labor shortage designation is valid for two (2) years.

Council member Skoglie moved to designate, based upon the police chief report, there is a critical labor shortage for the category 1 peace office position.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCRUED VACATION-SICK LEAVE PAY AUTHORIZATION / JOE CRIM:

Council member McKinney moved to approve the request to pay Joe Crim for 310.15 hours of accrued vacation time and 114.47 hours of accrued sick time.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCRUED VACATION-SICK LEAVE PAY AUTHORIZATION / TERRI WILCOX:

Council member McKinney moved to approve the request to pay Terri Wilcox for 283.16 hours of accrued vacation time and 98.68 hours of accrued sick time.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

MAYOR-COUNCIL-STAFF REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Mayor Wilcox thanked Michael Giles and Jonathan Reynolds for their service.

Council member Skoglie asked about the appraisals for the two parcels of property which were discussed previously. Legal Counsel Maher explained that it may take a month or two before the report is received. Heidi Lusby-Angvick noted that if there is a property trade, it is still possible to have both a phase 1 and phase 2 environmental inspection on the property.

Chief Mancebo reported the police department is short staffed.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member McKinney moved to approve vouchers numbered 51162 to 501181 inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public congratulated Mayor Wilcox and City Council member Hertz on being elected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on December 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Rodney J. Wilcox, Mayor

Terri Wilcox, City Clerk