

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 4, 2025, AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor	Rodney Wilcox
	Council members	Jordan McKinney
		Bonnie Skoglie
		Kirsten Hertz
	City Clerk	Nicole Reitz
	Police Chief	Michael Mancebo

Visitors: Mike Giles, Janice Rutherford, Mark Pilon, Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Vonnie Hemp, Roger Mancebo, Jerry Allen, Amanda Burrows, Niel Gallagher, Lee Ann Gallagher, Rhys Williams, Nathaniel Hudson, Beth Dunning, Penny Higby, Joseph Stacey, Geraldine Atkinson, Sean Rowe, Sondra Sayles, Chuck Sayles, Frankie Graham, Sandra Sorani, Kelly Thompson, Patricia Burke-Reese, Galen Reese

ZOOM: Tari Pilon, Connie Gottschalk, Greg Reitz, Brandon Chadock, Wendy Nelson, Lisa Booth, Mariah Mancebo

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE :

Sandra Sorani commented that the weeds next door to her home on Western Ave. are getting bad, our town looks awful, and the old houses need refurbished. Sorani inquired about weed notices being sent to property owners.

Chuck Sayles stated repairs have been made on Toulon peak and new devices are being used on televisions for reception. The phone number to contact for issues is 775-224-4444 Option 6.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Heidi Lusby-Angvick reported that revamping 95-80 RDA website, including PCEDA website and upgrades to the HGA website as well will be under construction at the end of February. Bruce Reddick is the webmaster.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Skoglie moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, meeting,

Motion carried unanimously

January 21, 2025, meeting minutes are not yet completed.

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

NEVADA RURAL HOUSING / TULE MEADOWS PROJECT LOCATED AT 8TH STREET & FRANKLIN AVE:

Nevada Rural Housing representative, Beth Dunning, presented a slide show on the proposed housing project. Nate Hudson stated that the construction of the building would fit with the context of Lovelock. Hudson noted that the buildings are highly energy efficient, and all utilities will be paid for by the owners. Time frame for project is approximately six

(6) months for application submittal and permitting and then once approved, the construction phase is about one (1) year.

Council member Hertz asked the difference between low income vs. income based and if you make too much money, are you excluded from living on the property? Hertz stated that Lovelock has a severe housing deficit and that it is difficult to get people to live here. Dunning replied that the apartments help people get up on their feet, being able to afford other things. These complexes will free up other areas in the community for other people to live. Dunning added that senior citizens on fixed incomes could live in the complexes and not have to worry about fixing anything, such as yard work or home repairs. This program also offers housing vouchers and home ownership programs. Programs for homeownership mean rural NV could connect to this project to open homeownership with a concept on building single family homes.

Council member Skoglie stated that the Recycling Center would have to be relocated and asked how many people make use of the recycling center and food bank? It was noted that approximately 20-25 people are served on a weekend. Geraldine Atkinson stated the Food Bank serves 20-30 people on a Monday and approximately 90-95 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Atkinson thanked the city for its generosity. Council member McKinney stated that the food bank is important. Dunning advised that there is a plan to keep the food bank at its location. Dunning would like to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City.

LeeAnn Gallagher asked if there was a process to talk to property managers next door. Dunning stated their plan would not affect the church or homeowners.

Roger Mancebo commented that NV Rural Housing recently completed a 96 unit in Mesquite and it's beautiful.

SEWER-DISPOSAL ACCOUNT DELINQUENCIES-ADJUSTMENTS-REFUNDS:

Clerk Reitz requested a write off of \$18.30 for account 5180.01.

Council member McKinney moved to approve write off in the amount of \$18.30 for account #5180.01.

Motion carried unanimously

ACCRUED VACATION PAY AUTHORIZATION / MARK PILON:

Council member Skoglie moved to approve the request to pay Mark Pilon for 222.72 hours of accrued vacation time.

Motion carried unanimously

CITY OF LOVELOCK TAX RATE DETERMINATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026:

Council member Skoglie moved to approve the City of Lovelock's tax rate for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Motion carried unanimously

CONFIRMATION OF NEW LEGAL COUNSEL:

Mayor Wilcox read a letter outlining his desire to appoint Shawn Rowe (MacKedon, DeBraga and Rowe) as Legal Counsel for the City. Wilcox believes this appointment will help the City move forward and is confident that Rowe will uphold the law and serve the people.

Council members Hertz and McKinney disagree. It has been asked to request RFP's (request for proposals) from other lawyers with an interest in the position and the financial matter be considered as the current proposal is \$7,000 more than the current budget. Hertz reiterated the importance of transparency and communication.

Council Member McKinney requested postponing appointment of Legal Counsel until further RFP's have been received and reviewed and budget figures considered.

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH MACKEDON, deBRAGA , AND ROWE LAW, PC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500 PER MONTH:

No action taken

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

There were no proclamations or awards.

MAYOR-COUNCIL-STAFF REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Council member Hertz suggested having an open house for citizens either on a monthly or quarterly basis. Hertz would also like a standing agenda item for establishing goals.

Council member Skoglie attended the PCEDA board meeting and will be attending the POOL/PACT training in Fallon.

Council member McKinney attended the Recreation board meeting. The pickle ball court will be getting fixed. Frankie Graham stated that everything for the pickle ball court has already been funded to include repairs.

Mayor Wilcox reported he has been working at the sewer plant and that Ken, with SPB, has been working to teach the City employees how to do samples. Wilcox inquired as to whether or not there was a recording of what happened to the bathroom sink at Strip Park. Chief Mancebo will review the footage.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member McKinney motion to approve check numbers 51308-51333.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neil Gallagher asked for the City's appraisal value of the property where the Food bank and Recycling Center reside. Mayor Wilcox responded with \$58,000.00.

Vonnie Hemp had a concern about tagging going on at night where she lives and asked if there were Police that worked at night? Also stated that her neighbor's roof is blowing shingles off into her yard and the weeds are out of control.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on February 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Rodney J. Wilcox, Mayor

Nicole Reitz, City Clerk