

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

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

Visitors: Marshall Smith, Jarred Hickman, Mark Hauenstein, Vonnie Hemp, Mike Brooks, Brandon Chadock, Thomas Brooks, Frankie Graham, Angela Dunkley, Anthony Gibson, Sabbrina Gibson, Quenton Gibson, Neil Gallagher, Steve Evenson, Laura Katsaris, Heidi Lusby-Angvick
ZOOM: Connie G. Greg R., Elizabeth Blondheim, Lisa Scott, Lisa Booth, Nanny Joes, Janice Rutherford, Tina Gallagher, Wendy Nelson

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE :

None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Heidi is going to schedule to meet with the Mayor to discuss NV Energy charging station installation project.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Hertz moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025, and February 18, 2025, meeting.

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 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-REFUND:

No action taken

CONTRACT SERVICES WITH TECHNICAL DESIGNS FOR PLAN REVIEW SERVICES:

Mark Hauenstein, Engineer for Technical Designs, also has a contract with Pershing County. Hauenstein discussed the process of creating handouts for various projects, including simple remodels and larger projects like the Maverick or a hospital. Hauenstein recommended the City's need to adopt the 2021 International Building Code and the need to update the residential cost per square foot fee, which has remained unchanged for about six years. The City also mentioned the involvement of James Evans in overseeing inspections until such time as the City has an inspector trained.

Council member Skoglie moved to continue contract services with Technical Design.

Motion carried unanimously

POOL/PACT's ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE PROGRAM:

Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool representatives, Jarred Hickman and Marshall Smith, discussed the Enterprise Risk Management Excellence program developed by Wayne Carlson. The benefits for public entities are: risk management, fiscal control, cybersecurity, human resources, and board governance. The program offers a \$20,000 risk management grant upon successful completion. Hickman and Smith emphasized the program's success is a big deal for all participants. and it's not just about public safety, facilities and fiscal controls, but also includes departments like public works, road operations, detention operations, and human resources. Every area of city operations is included – every department and staff member. Completion of the program is a way to acknowledge their hard work and dedication.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION ATTORNEY LETTERS / APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FOR CITY OF LOVELOCK LEGAL COUNSEL:

The Council discussed the appointment of Sean Rowe, MacKedon, deBraga and Rowe, as the new city attorney for a 6-month trial period and at a rate of \$3,500 per month. This contract will be reevaluated in six (6) months. The Council acknowledged the shortage of lawyers in rural Nevada and the need for legal counsel.

Council member Skoglie moved to hire Sean Rowe as City legal counsel.

Motion carried unanimously

WEED NOTICE STATUS / REVIEW OF EXISTING CONDITIONS OF PREPERTIES AS TO WHETHER THEY CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, OR WELFARE:

Clerk Reitz discussed the process of sending out notices regarding property maintenance, particularly regarding a property on Western Avenue. A follow-up notice will be sent out on March 7th.

The Council also discussed the issue of recreational vehicles (RVs) being lived in on private properties, which is not allowed per City ordinance. Clerk Reitz will send out notices to those property owners in violation.

No action taken.

POOL/PACT AUDIT AND FINDINGS / CORRECTIVE ACTIONS / PROCEDURES TO ADOPT:

The council discussed the potential for a retreat or goal-setting session.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

Mayor Wilcox presented Anthony Gibson, a 9th grade wrestler at Pershing County High School, with a certificate, key to the City and gift for demonstrating respect, hustle, loyalty, humanity and kindness toward an opposing wrestler at a recent tournament.

MAYOR-COUNCIL-STAFF REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Council member Hertz would like Clerk Reitz to reach out to the health inspector regarding food truck licensing requirements across counties.

Council member McKinney stated there was not a Recreation board meeting due to lack of quorum. The meeting will be rescheduled for March 13, 2025.

Mayor Wilcox reported that the City crew is working on the weeds in various alleys.

Councilmember Hertz reported that Steve Evenson will be the moderator at the Town Hall scheduled for March 5. Nevada Rural Housing will be present to answer questions.

Clerk Reitz stated that an agenda item for review and approval of business licenses and permits would be added onto the agenda starting next meeting.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member McKinney moved to approved vouchers numbered 51359 to 51397 inclusive.

Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neil Gallagher questioned the mission of the City of Lovelock and the current housing development issue.

Local Attorney, Steve Evenson, informed the Council that he felt he would have a conflict of interest representing the City. Evenson stated the fee amount Sean Rowe is quoting is very fair. Evenson also stated that there are no lawyers in rural Nevada. Evenson recommended the City hire Mr. Rowe.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. until the next regular scheduled City Council meeting on March 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Rodney J. Wilcox, Mayor

Nicole Reitz, City Clerk