

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON NOVEMBER 19, 2025, AT THE LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 5:30 P.M.

Present:	Mayor Council Member Council Member Council Member Deputy City Clerk City Clerk	Rodney Wilcox Bonnie Skoglie Kirsten Hertz Jordan McKinney Perri Stewart Nicole Reitz
Absent	Legal Counsel Police Chief	Sean Rowe Michael Mancebo

Visitors: Romin McKinney

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE :

None at this time

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

None at this time

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member McKinney offered a motion to approve the minutes for November 05, 2025

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 / REFUNDS:

Council member Hertz asked the question, if there was anything the council could do to help out with this particular item. Clerk Reitz replied, not at the moment. Hertz then mentioned, she recalled that Wendy Nelson from Frontier Community Coalition said she could help with past due accounts. Reitz stated she would reach out to Nelson and find out the details, as she could not remember the logistics.

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

The City’s emergency safety plan has been sent to Legal Counsel Sean Rowe for review. Once Rowe completes his review, the plan will be presented to the City Council. The Council will then consider formal adoption of any required procedures and actions based on the findings and these recommendations.

PROPOSAL TO CANCEL THE SCHEDULED REGULAR DECEMBER 17, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

The proposal to cancel the scheduled regular December 17, 2025 City Council meeting was discussed and approved during the meeting. The Council decided to cancel the meeting because the room will be used for the Angel Tree gift wrapping event. Council member McKinney made a motion to cancel the December 17th regular meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

BUSINESS LICENSES-BUILDING PERMITS-LIQUOR LICENSES-SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSES:

A temporary special event liquor license for Twilights and Twinkles event scheduled for November 14, 2025, was presented. Mayor Wilcox waived the fees to the event as they are a 501c3 nonprofit. The event was held before the City Council meeting; Cindy Plummer, event coordinator, was unable to request the temporary permit prior to due to a location change at the last minute. Following a brief review and discussion, Council member Hertz offered a motion to approve the special event liquor license.

Motion carried unanimously

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

None at this time

MAYOR-COUNCIL-STAFF REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Council member Hertz mentioned that she is hopeful the City and the county can move forward in somewhat of a positive manner. Council member Skoglie is looking forward to seeing what Legal Counsel for both entities can come up with. Council member McKinney mentioned that, based on the joint meeting, there is a lot of information that is being misconstrued. The perception on the Recreation Board is wrong, it is being said that there is no accountability and that the Recreation Board is just "handing out money". It is being misunderstood, the purpose is to award money to things that bring people into our community, or recreation for our kids. There are after-action reports that need to be filled out. There is a process, along with rules and regulations. Council member Skoglie stated, provided the example of the pickle ball court. It was done in the best of faith. McKinney shared, there is no one on the Recreation Board saying, "Well we did that all right!" It was a learning experience; we need to move forward and fix it." McKinney also stated, it seems as though the Commissioners want to have more control (?) than what is allowed. They have one seat at the table just like the City. The Recreation Board may be an advisory board; it is still a governmental board that get to govern how their money is spent. I think it's a dangerous thing if the County Commissioners get to decide what the money is spent on. The County has a person at the table If that person is not speaking up for the County then replace that person. You have one seat, just like all the other stakeholders.

Council member Hertz agreed there is so much confusion about the purpose and function because the boards have changed so much over time. There is a very distinct difference in supporting recreational activities and supporting tourism development. They are completely different things. Hertz also stated it is bothersome how it was structured to circumvent the statue as to how Fair and Recreation money is going to be used.

McKinney is in agreement that if it isn't structured right then it should be, if things are not done right, they should be. McKinney stated she felt as though the Commissioners were saying they don't like the way the Recreation Board is spending money and that they want more oversight. It doesn't work that way. The County has one seat on the Board.

Council member Hertz stated the need for a strategic plan to determine the things that need accomplished. Council member McKinney stated that it often gets forgotten that City residents

are also County residents. City Residents pay double taxes, and I think it was forgotten at last night's meeting.

Council member McKinney asked the question, whether it would be a liability to have Narcan box at the Firehouse.. McKinney shared that when a Narcan box was proposed for the School District, POOL/PACT indicated it could be a liability for the district. Mayor Wilcox stated he would reach out to POOLPACT and get information. Council member Hertz would like it on an agenda. Council member Hertz asked the question, are we as a community combating drug use, do we have the right programs in place. Council member Skoglie stated or are we using Narcan as a crutch, Hertz agreed. Clerk Reitz stated as an (EMT) Emergency Medical Technician, having children or elderly family members Narcan being readily available is an asset. Presenting the Community with education on Narcan, its uses and importance of access. .

Mayor Wilcox reported for the Public Works Department. Leaf cleanup and gutter cleaning were completed throughout the city. An electrical issue at the Sewer Plant was resolved without any spills. The cause appeared to be a power surge, which tripped breakers, but staff managed to reset the system. Ongoing repairs include working in the sodium room at the Sewer Plant: repainting and repairing doors. Once the sodium tank is empty, final plumbing repairs will be completed. Coordination continues with the Lovelock Meadows Water District for sewer line maintenance. Alleyway improvements are in progress, including the installation of "no parking" signs to address persistent parking problems. The Police Department is assisting with enforcement. Cleanup of nuisance properties is underway. The railroad is scheduled to demolish two boarded houses at the start of next month. Legal and staff coordination for nuisance letters continues. Park improvements include planning for new basketball hoops, repainting courts, and bathroom repairs during the winter. Residents requested the water fountain at Flag Park be fixed; staff are seeking pricing for repairs. Ongoing updates to trash routes are planned with better coordination between office and field staff to streamline pickup and improve communication with residents. Weed control efforts are ongoing, with new sterilization chemicals received to reduce weed growth in city rights-of-way and parks.

The animal control report included the following: Stray intakes (September–October 2025): 6 adult dogs, 5 adult cats, 4 puppies, and 6 kittens. Animals relinquished: 2 dogs and 4 cats (no puppies or kittens relinquished in this period). Animals returned to owners: 5 dogs. Adoptions: 2 dogs, 1 cat, 2 puppies, and 6 kittens. Animals currently on hand: 24 dogs, 5 cats, 10 puppies, and 2 kittens. Other animals processed: 1 bearded dragon. Bite reports: 1 bite (from a husky mix). Citations issued: 6, with an average fine per conviction of \$165. Public education/outreach: 1 public education program conducted and 1 shelter tour (3 total attendees). The animal control officer was also out during the meeting responding to an accident involving two dogs, which she was picking up at the time of the report.

The Police Department report included the following updates: Continued collaboration with Mayor Wilcox addressing unregistered vehicles within the city. Ongoing work with POOL PACT on developing and implementing information technology (IT) policies. Police are implementing a phishing simulation and email security awareness program in partnership with POOL PACT.

Council member Skoglie mentioned that she is hearing great things about the City. Council member McKinney shared that it is nice to hear good things.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Vouchers, claims, and Payroll were reviewed. Council Member McKinney offered a motion to approve the Vouchers, Claims, and Payroll as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Young Community member Romin McKinney (age 9) was asked if he had any public comment. Mckinney stated, he didn't even know what that means.

Council member Skoglie offered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm until the next scheduled City Council meeting on November 19, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Rodney Wilcox
Rodney J. Wilcox, Mayor

Nicole Reitz
Nicole Reitz, City Clerk