

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 15, 2026, AT LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 5:30 P.M.

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

Visitors: Oscar Aguilar, Julie Rowe, Peggy Jones, LeeAnn Gallagher, Peggy Jones, Misty Wood-Moepono, Chris Wood-Moepono, Christina Dickerman, Frankie Graham, Jerry Minor, Dale Rutherford

Zoom: Michael G., Greg Reitz, Christina, Jason, Perri Stewart, Jacklynn Orr, Tari Pilon, M.H.

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE :

Lee Ann Gallagher announced a citywide cleanup on Sunday, April 25, starting at 9:00 a.m., with volunteers to meet at the Firehouse. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, shovels, and other tools; some teams will also be planting trees. Gallagher clarified that cleanup crews will not enter private yards but will pick up items placed on the sidewalk for disposal. She also noted that arrangements have been made to remove at least one vehicle as part of the cleanup effort.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

County Manager Kristen Gonzalez reported that there was no formal economic development report for this meeting. She stated that the Pershing County Economic Development Authority is in the process of organizing and that its first meeting is scheduled for April 20. Because the board had not yet met and had no current projects or actions to report, there were no further updates under this item.

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member McKinney offered a motion to approve April 01, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

SEWER-DISPOSAL ACCOUNT DELINQUENCIES-ADJUSTMENTS-REFUNDS:

Staff presented the current list of delinquent sewer and disposal service accounts to the council for review. It was noted that phone calls had been made earlier that day to customers on the list and that notations were added for those who requested or arranged payment plans. Council member Skoglie commented that the overall delinquent list “seems to be going down” Clerk Reitz attributed part of this improvement to more customers enrolling in auto-pay for their utility bills. No specific adjustments, write-offs, or refunds were requested or approved at this meeting.

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

Clerk Reitz reported that there was nothing new to present at this time. Reitz mentioned that POOL/PACT is holding its annual board meeting and that both Greg and Nicole had been asked to submit “success stories” from City of Lovelock for the Enterprise Risk Management Program.

PRESENTATION FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB / PRENTATION OF THE FINAL \$50,000.00 CONTRIBUTION BY CITY ADMINISTRATION

Oscar Aguilar, Area Director for the Boys & Girls Club serving Lovelock and Fernley, presented an overview of local Club operations, including before/after school programs, homework support, youth leadership and robotics clubs, family nights, and a middle school lunch program serving 50–60 students daily. Mr. Aguilar reported current Lovelock participation at approximately 13 youth average daily attendance, 53 registered members, and more than 220 youth served through special events, noting that no child is turned away for inability to pay. The mayor, on behalf of the City, presented a \$50,000 check as the final installment of the previously approved \$100,000 total contribution to the Boys & Girls Club. The City thanked the Club for its services to local youth, and Mr. Aguilar expressed appreciation for the City’s financial support.

UPDATE ON PROPERTY CLEAN UP 215 8TH STREET

The council received an update on property cleanup at 215 8th Street. The mayor reported that the owner, Mr. Minor, had removed several trailers and equipment from the utility strip but that additional cleanup was still required. Mr. Minor addressed the council, citing health issues, ongoing remodeling, and use of the property for former business equipment, and stated he felt he was being singled out compared to other properties in town. Council members explained that they are acting on citizen complaints and must enforce cleanup expectations consistently citywide, and they also reiterated that threats made at a prior meeting toward the council and staff were inappropriate. The council offered to work with Mr. Minor, including through the upcoming community cleanup, and emphasized the main objective is to clear the utility strip and remove obvious junk vehicles. Mr. Minor agreed to remove the dismantled truck and an old Chevy, keep remaining vehicles and trailers on the street or driveway rather than the utility strip, continue organizing materials, and he apologized for previous comments while asking for a bit more time to complete the cleanup.

PUBLIC HEARING / DISCUSSION / ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13.170 OF THE LOVELOCK CITY CODE SETTING RATES; PROVIDING THE INITIAL RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026; AUTHORIZING MODIFICATION OF RATES BY RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO. IF ADOPTED, THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL RAISE SEWER STANDBY FEES FROM FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$14.80) PER MONTH TO TWETY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$28.75) PER MONTH

The City Council held a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 13, Section 13.170 of the Lovelock City Code, updating sewer rates and setting rates for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026. Sean Rowe City, attorney explained that the only substantive fiscal change in the ordinance at this time is an increase to the sewer standby fee for properties that have sewer connections but do not currently have active service. The proposed standby rate would increase from \$14.80 per month to \$28.75 per month. He further noted that the ordinance also codifies previously adopted sewer rates and establishes a framework allowing future sewer rate changes to be made by resolution. In response to a question from the council, staff indicated there are likely close to a hundred such inactive-service properties, primarily vacant homes, though an exact number would need to be confirmed from the office records. The mayor invited public comment on the proposed ordinance, and no public comment was offered. Council member McKinney offered a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

ACTION TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER HANDBOOK

The council considered approval of the proposed City Council Member Handbook. Council Member McKinney asked whether this type of handbook is standard practice in other cities. Sean

Rowe, City attorney explained that the handbook was developed by staff as a concise reference to help current and incoming council members understand their roles, responsibilities, and obligations, noting that when members are elected or appointed they typically receive little formal orientation. He clarified that the document is not an employee handbook and does not override the fact that council members are elected officials accountable to the voters, but it is intended to summarize key expectations and procedures in a single resource. Clerk Reitz noted that a recent candidate had already asked what the duties of a council member are, and that having this handbook would be useful to share with prospective and newly elected officials. It was also mentioned that, in the future, the city budget may be included with the onboarding materials so new members can understand the city's finances. Council member Skoglie offered a motion to approve the City Council member handbook.

Motion carried unanimously

ACTION TO APPROVE THE DUMPSTER RENTAL POLICY AND FEE MODIFICATION

Staff explained that the current practice for temporary residential dumpsters is to charge \$45 per dump, with some dumpsters remaining at locations for eight to nine months and only being dumped twice in that time. This has limited availability for other needs, such as funerals and community events, and has not covered costs, especially given that new dumpsters cost roughly \$3,000 each and the city has also experienced delinquent payments when the \$45 fee is billed after service. Staff proposed revising the policy so that borrowers pay \$100 upfront for a one-week rental, with any additional dumps during that week charged \$45, and using a simple written rental agreement that specifies the start and end dates; if a customer needs the dumpster longer, they will reapply for an additional period. Council members agreed the change would improve turnover, cost recovery, and scheduling of the limited dumpster inventory. Council member Skoglie offered a motion to approve the dumpster rental policy and fee modification.

Motion carried unanimously

ACTION TO APPROVE CITY OF LOVELOCK WORK ORDER POLICY

The council considered taking action to approve the City of Lovelock Work Order Policy. Staff explained that the new policy is intended to formalize and streamline how work requests are submitted and tracked by Public Works. The system will use an online form that, when completed by departments such as the Police Department, will automatically generate an email notification to Public Works. For example, if a patrol car needs an oil change or tune-up, staff can submit a work order online, Public Works will receive it electronically, and the work can then be scheduled and completed. The policy will also allow the city to track the number and type of work orders over time for maintenance planning and recordkeeping. Council member McKinney offered a motion to approve the City of Lovelock Work Order Policy.

Motion Carried unanimously

ACTION TO APPOINT TWO AT-LARGE MEMBER VACANCIES TO THE PERSHING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The council considered taking action to appoint two at-large member vacancies to the Pershing County Economic Development Authority. Staff reported that two applications had been received, from Jeffrey King and Brandon Chadock, to fill the two available at-large positions. It was noted that the vacancies had been advertised in the local newspaper, satisfying the legal notice requirements, though there was a brief discussion about whether postings should also appear consistently on the city's website or social media for broader public awareness. With no additional applicants and no further

discussion, Council member Skoglie offered a motion to appoint Jeffrey King and Brandon Chadock to the Pershing County Economic Development Authority board.

Motion carried unanimously

INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCY FOR CITY COUNCIL SEAT A

The council conducted interviews and made an appointment to fill the vacancy for City Council Seat A. Two applicants, Christina Dickerman and Dale Rutherford, were each asked a standard set of questions and scored by the council using a numerical rating guide. Both candidates were found to be well-qualified, with closely matched scores. Ms. Dickerman, a long-time local resident with a nursing and school district background, emphasized her community ties, experience working within budgets, and interest in responsible, sustainable growth. Mr. Rutherford, a local graduate, Air Force veteran, and retired state employee, highlighted his leadership and budgeting experience and his high availability as a retiree. During deliberation, the council discussed the scoring results, ethical considerations, and the fact that Mr. Rutherford has already filed to run for the other open council seat, noting that appointing Ms. Dickerman could allow both individuals to serve if he is later elected. Council Member McKinney asked the city attorney whether it would be a conflict if a council member were married to a city employee; the attorney responded that this is not inherently a conflict under Nevada ethics law so long as the member does not use their office to benefit that relative and recuses themselves when appropriate. Public comments were heard. Lee Ann Gallagher expressed that both candidates were highly qualified and urged the council either to honor the point system or be consistent in its process and also raised concerns about transparency and the perception of familial influence. City Manager Kristen Gonzalez, who is also Ms. Dickerman's sister, spoke briefly to clarify that the scoring sheet is meant as a guide rather than a binding decision rule, similar to practices in other organizations, and then acknowledged concerns raised about decorum and agreed to refrain from such comments in future meetings. Council members clarified that their scores reflected different strengths between the candidates rather than a clear winner and reiterated that they believed both would serve well. During deliberation, Council member Skoglie mentioned that because Mr. Rutherford had already filed for the other open seat, appointing Ms. Dickerman to Seat A would allow the city to benefit from both individuals' service if Mr. Rutherford is later elected. Council member Skoglie made a motion to appoint Christina Dickerman to fill the interim vacancy for City Council Seat A.

Motion carried unanimously, with the

mayor also voting as allowed by statute to avoid a tie.

Mr. Rutherford addressed the council and publicly supported the decision, stating that he believed Ms. Dickerman would be an excellent council member and confirming that he intends to continue running for the other open seat. Ms. Dickerman took the oath of office for City Council Member Seat A and formally joined the council.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

Mayor Wilcox read a proclamation declaring May 3–9, 2026 as Children's Mental Health Action Week in the City of Lovelock. The proclamation emphasized that good mental health is essential to healthy child development and noted that Children's Mental Health Action Week, first observed in 2006, is intended to move beyond awareness toward proactive response to the needs of children and youth. It highlighted the importance of families, schools, and communities recognizing signs of behavioral health challenges and knowing where to seek assistance, the need for comprehensive assessment involving family and school input, and the critical role of family participation in treatment. The proclamation also referenced the National Federation of Families' efforts to promote

acceptance of children with mental health diagnoses and the ongoing challenges faced by youth with intensive needs who often experience barriers to services. The mayor, on behalf of the City of Lovelock, urged citizens and organizations to work to meet the mental health needs of every child in the community and formally proclaimed the week of May 3–9, 2026 as Children’s Mental Health Action Week.

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

The council considered one special events liquor license application. The application was for a private event / funeral reception to be held on April 17, 2026, at the Community Center. The application, submitted and signed by Joe Gotschalk, had already been reviewed and preliminarily approved, and the associated fees had been waived in light of the nature of the event. Council member McKinney offered a motion to approve the liquor license as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

MAYOR-COUNCIL-STAFF REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Mayor Wilcox reported that the City has been awarded \$500,000 in CDBG funds for major repairs and improvements at the sewer plant. He stated that the sewer line maintenance project in town is nearly complete, with one manhole remaining to be installed, after which the City is authorized to seek bids for related asphalt work, to be funded with RTC monies. He also reported continued cleanup of railroad property, including removal of two houses on the city side of the tracks and clearance of residents on the opposite side, and commended the progress. The mayor noted that the City currently has about \$800,000 in RTC funds available for streets, gutters, and sidewalks and that staff will be planning eligible projects. He further reported ongoing improvements at the animal control facility (painting and flooring), active park maintenance by Public Works, and plans by community volunteers to plant flowers at the Lovelock entry signs, as well as installation of additional security cameras at park facilities, including the skateboard park, where recent youth repainting has reduced graffiti.

Council member Skoglie described attending a Pershing County Health Care Foundation meeting and outlined a number of upcoming events, including the annual foundation dinner in August (August 8) and other activities such as trivia nights, promising to bring a written schedule to the next council meeting. She proposed that the city consider contracting with a grant-writing firm that works on commission, explaining that the hospital had recently done so and expressing concern that Lovelock may be leaving grant money “on the table.” Clerk Reitz will place the topic on a future agenda for discussion.

Council member McKinney reported on preparations for the Lovelock pool, stating that the pool was being cleaned with a target to open by the last week of May, subject to completion of needed repairs in the pool house. She noted that the part-time maintenance position at the pool remains open and encouraged applications, particularly from individuals whose schedules align with the seasonal nature of the work.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

The Council reviewed the vouchers, claims, expenditures, and payroll presented for payment. Council member McKinney offered a Motion to approve all vouchers, claims, expenditures, and payroll as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alfonso Gonzalez, president of the Lovelock Police Officers Association, addressed the council regarding labor negotiations. He said the union had expected to begin contract negotiations with the City that day to work toward pay parity with other agencies and expressed disappointment that the City was not prepared to negotiate as scheduled. He stated that this sends a discouraging message to officers and urged the council to show, through its actions, that it values their service.

Lee Ann Gallagher then spoke to thank the council for its \$50,000 contribution to the Boys & Girls Club, emphasizing the long effort behind the project and acknowledging the size of the commitment given the City's limited funds. She also expressed concern about how Economic Development Authority vacancies are advertised, explaining that she relied on the city's website rather than the newspaper and would have applied had she known of the openings. She requested more consistent and accessible posting of such opportunities. Additionally, she questioned whether it was appropriate for the county manager who is related to a council candidate to speak during council deliberations on the Seat A appointment, stressing the importance of decorum, adherence to Robert's Rules of Order, and transparent use of the candidate rating system. In response, Kristen Gonzalez acknowledged from the floor that she is the sister of the appointed council member and explained that the interview scoring sheets were intended as a guide rather than a binding decision tool, similar to hiring practices in other sectors. She recognized the concerns raised about decorum and said she would be more cautious about commenting during council deliberations in future meetings.

Rodney J. Wilcox, Mayor

Nicole Reitz, City Clerk