

**THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 06, 2026, AT LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 5:30 P.M.**

Present:	Mayor	Rodney Wilcox
	Council members	Bonnie Skoglie
	(Absent)	Jordan McKinney
	City Clerk	Nicole Reitz
	Deputy Clerk	Perri Stewart
	Legal Council	Sean Rowe
	Police Chief	Michael Mancebo

Visitors: Peggy Jones, Frankie Graham, Kristen Gonzalez, Brandon Chadock  
Zoom: Michael G., Greg Reitz, Tari Pilon

**PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE :**

None at this time

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Kristen Gonzalez, County Manager reported on ongoing economic development coordination and early-stage project discussions. A facilitation meeting was held on April 20, with the next meeting scheduled for May 12 at 5:30 p.m. Gonzalez will attend a coordination meeting with the Humboldt County Manager, HDA advisory board, board chair, and economic development coordinator on June 2 at 10:00 a.m., with outcomes to be reported back to the Casita advisory board. Gonzalez will meet with Western Nevada Development District on May 15 to discuss water infrastructure needed to support future growth and will tour existing facilities with Rusty Kiel. Upcoming business and industry meetings include Sand Geothermal (energy development plant), Dunlea Group (data center and energy campus), and a community meeting regarding a proposed Grass Valley chicken farm. All items remain in the preliminary development phase and will be reviewed with the PCEDA(Pershing County Economic Development Authority) prior to presentation to the County Commissioners and City Council.

**MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:**

Council member Skoglie offered a motion to approve April 15, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

**SEWER-DISPOSAL ACCOUNT DELINQUENCIES-ADJUSTMENTS-REFUNDS:**

None at this time

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

Clerk Reitz reported She has a meeting scheduled with Jarod Hickman from POOL/PACT to work on fiscal control

**RENEWAL PROPOSAL FROM A&H INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEE COVERAGE FOR FY 2026-2027**

Tracey Kneely from A&H Insurance presented the renewal proposal for the City's employee health insurance coverage. The initial renewal reflected an increase of approximately 9–10%, but after negotiations the increase was reduced to 4%. The representative noted that employees and the insurance committee wished to remain with the Anthem national network, and that dental and vision rates will remain flat under existing rate guarantees. Tracey also discussed longer-term options such as partial self-funding, level funding, or full self-funding, explaining that recent

experience showed a significant profit margin retained by the carrier over the past two years and that alternative funding structures might allow more local control over plan design and costs. Educational sessions on self-funding will be provided to staff and stakeholders at a later date.

Council member Skoglie offered a motion to accept the A&H Insurance renewal proposal, including the 4% premium increase for City employee coverage for FY 2026–2027.

Motion carried unanimously

#### **ACTION TO RESEARCH AND PERSUE A GRANT WRITING COMPANY**

The Council discussed the need for professional grant writing support to help fund critical infrastructure and growth-related projects. Council member Skoglie requested authorization to research and, if appropriate, pursue engagement of a grant writing company, noting that outside expertise could be vital to securing grants in areas such as infrastructure, public safety, and community development. Following brief discussion, a motion was made and approved authorizing Council member Skoglie to research options for a grant writing firm, gather information on services and costs, and bring recommendations back to the Council for further consideration. Council member Dickerman offered a motion to pursue a grant writing company.

Motion carried unanimously

#### **ACTION TO INCLUDE AMHURST PARK BUILDING FOR POSSIBLE MUSIC AND MURALS PROJECT**

Frankie Graham a representative of the Music and Murals initiative requested Council approval to include the Amherst Park building (and possibly the adjacent pony wall) as potential mural sites, either in the current year's rollout or a future "phase two" of the project. The intent is to add color and vibrancy to the park and expand the list of approved buildings for future mural planning. Council member Skoglie offered a motion to include the Amherst Park building as an eligible location for the Music and Murals project.

Motion carried unanimously

#### **DISCUSSION FOR ANIMAL CONTROL TO ENFORCE ORDINANCES AND CHARGE FEES AS SET FORTH BY ORDINANCE**

Deputy Clerk Stewart presented existing animal control ordinances and fee schedules, focusing on dog licensing, impound, and boarding fees. It was noted that some provisions such as the \$35 late fee for licenses obtained more than 30 days after due date have not been consistently enforced. Staff also explained that current practice lacks a reliable system to track repeat offenses for dogs at large, making it difficult to accurately apply escalating fines for first, second, and subsequent violations.

Council and staff discussed the need to Implement better record keeping, such as a spreadsheet or logging system, to document impounds, offenses, boarding days, and associated fees; ensure that impounded animals are only released after owners pay fees at City Hall and receive a stamped receipt, rather than collecting money informally at the shelter; Review fee levels and late-fee structures so they do not discourage licensing, while still covering costs (including boarding fees and care); Clarify and modernize the ordinance to ensure that citations and fines are handled as civil in nature, consistent with current Nevada law, and that officers issue citations accordingly. Consensus was that staff would develop improved tracking procedures, review the fee structure, and bring back recommended changes or clarifications to the ordinance and policies. No formal action was taken at this meeting.

**ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SPEED LIMIT ON 800 BLOCK OF SIXTH STREET AT 15 MILES PER HOUR**

Council considered a resolution to set the speed limit on the 800 block of Sixth Street at 15 miles per hour, covering the portion of the street running through the hospital campus and adjacent parking areas, due to significant pedestrian traffic between hospital buildings. Council members noted frequent speeding in the area and the Chief of Police discussed enforcement challenges and potential future traffic-calming measures, such as speed bumps and enhanced signage. It was reported that 15 mph signs with flashing lights have already been purchased and are ready for installation once the resolution is approved. Following discussion, Council member Dickerman offered a motion to adopt the resolution establishing a 15-mph speed limit on the 800 block of Sixth Street.

Motion carried unanimously

**PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:**

There were no proclamations or awards presented, discussed, or acted upon at this meeting.

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

The Council received the report on current business licenses, building permits, liquor licenses, and special event liquor licenses. Staff briefly reviewed the spreadsheet of licenses and permits and noted that construction activity is expected to increase with seasonal conditions improving, and that several building permits for upcoming projects are nearly ready to be issued. There were no specific applications singled out for separate discussion, and no conditions were modified or waived. After review, the report was accepted; no formal action beyond receipt and review was taken on this item.

**MAYOR-COUNCIL-STAFF REPORTS-PROPOSALS:**

Mayor- no report  
Council member Skoglie-no report  
Council member Dickerman- no report  
Chief of Police-no report  
Public Works-no report  
Animal Control-no report  
Clerk Reitz- One of the Public Works employees will be attending WNCC in Fallon to obtain his CDL, starting Monday May 11, 2026, for 5 weeks  
Legal Counsel- no report

**VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:**

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

Motion carried unanimously

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brandon Chadock, representing the hospital, reported that the hospital had purchased a replacement vinyl QR code for the fitness park after the original was damaged over time. The QR code has not yet been installed; installation will occur when staff are next at the site. No additional public comments were offered in person or via Zoom. There were no items of personal communication or correspondence presented, and no action was taken on this item.

*Rodney Wilcox*  
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Rodney J. Wilcox, Mayor

*Nicole Reitz*  
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Nicole Reitz, City Clerk