

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN A JOINT SESSION WITH THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF PERSHING AT THE LOVEOCK CITY HALL ON JANUARY 15, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

Present for City of Lovelock:	Mayor	Mike Giles
	Council members	Dan Murphy
		Pat Rowe
		Starlin Gentry
	City Clerk	Lisa Booth
	Police Chief	Michael Mancebo
	Legal Counsel	Kent Maher
Present for Pershing County:	Chairman	Larry Rackley
	Commissioners	Robert McDougal
		Carol Shank
	District Attorney	Bryce Shields

Visitors: Heidi Lusby-Angvick (PCEDA), Ted Bendure, Rene Childs, Lacey Donaldson, Karen Wesner, Mike Heideman, Rodney Wilcox, Justin Abbot, Dave Skelton, James Evans, Jerry Allen, Rusty Kiel, Gail Munk, Laurie Basso-Cerini, Mark Hauenstein, Vijay Ratti, Karen Wesner, Todd Banks, and Roger Vino.

Mayor Giles and Chairman Rackley called the City and County meetings to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

PERSHING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, Executive Director of the Pershing County Economic Development Authority (PCEDA), handed out and reviewed the proposed Strategic Plan, which includes a Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. A PCEDA team will be formed to implement the Strategic Plan. The team will include three committees: (1) Business Recruitment, Retention and Expansion; (2) Workforce, Education and Training; and, (3) Community Vitality. Business recruitment, retention and expansion, marketing and workforce development and performance measures were explained and discussed, as was the wording on various items in the plan.

Commissioner McDougal stated the County is considering making the Pershing County Economic Development Authority Executive Director position full time and shifting the Community Center function to another employee. Lusby-Angvick stated it is anticipated the Economic Development Board will be reorganized in the near future to be a smaller group.

Councilman Rowe moved that the City approve the PCEDA Strategic Plan, including the changes discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rackley moved and Commissioner Shank seconded that the County approve the PCEDA Strategic Plan, including the changes discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT

Heidi Lusby-Angvick, PCEDA Executive Director, reported that the EPA has grants available for revitalization of communities, including a FY2019 Brownfields assessment grant in the amount of \$600,000 which can be used to identify and conduct Phase I assessments of the environmental conditions on old businesses, gas stations, laundries and personal property. Brownfields grants are non-punitive, so fines are not assessed upon finding environmental problems. The deadline for submission in the current cycle is January 31, 2019. Lusby-Angvick requested the County and City provide letters of support for PCEDA to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Shank moved and Commissioner McDougal seconded that the County provide a letter of support for the proposed Brownfields grant application in the amount of \$600,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Murphy moved that the City provide a letter of support for the proposed Brownfields grant application in the amount of \$600,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign for the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMBINING CITY-COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING AND BUSINESS LICENSE FUNCTIONS

Commissioner Rackley stated that the idea to consolidate the City and County planning, building department and business license functions came out of the Strategic Plan meetings. The legal issues and the pros and cons of the idea will need to be discussed. District Attorney Bryce Shields stated there could be some major obstacles with jurisdiction issues. Commissioner McDougal commented he would like to see consistency between the City and County building codes. Mayor Giles noted the City is currently using the same 2012 building codes and forms as the County.

Jerry Allen, Pershing County Sheriff, agreed there needs to be discussion about how business licenses are handled. Mayor Giles stated he feels business licenses should be handled locally and not by the state.

Commissioner Rackley would like to see the planning and building functions combined in the County office building and the business license function combined in the City Clerk's office. City Legal Counsel Kent Maher stated the first step is to determine what the legal issues, if any, there are for the ideas.

No action was taken.

ISO RATINGS, SNOW REMOVAL AND BROADBAND INTERNET

Mark Hauenstein of Technical Designs, the advisor to both the City and County for building matters, reported on the Insurance Services Office (ISO) interview that was held in September 2018. ISO grades local government entities on administration of building codes, certification of inspectors, reviewing building plans and the building inspection process and provides the information to insurance companies, which then use the information to assist in determining the premium rates for the locality. Hauenstein explained the ISO score can be improved by adopting the latest codes and training of inspectors.

Mayor Giles commented that snow removal is prioritized, with the airport, fire department and school bus routes having precedence over all other needs.

Justin Abbot, Pershing County IT Tech, reported on the status of internet service in the area, noting that good internet is a necessity and critical for public safety. The community and area are very underserved. Abbot recommended reestablishing the broadband committee.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Michael R. Giles, Mayor

Lisa Booth, City Clerk