

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVELOCK MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 19, 2026, AT LOVELOCK CITY HALL AT 5:30 P.M.

Present:

Mayor
Council members

Rodney Wilcox
Bonnie Skoglie
Christina Dickerman
Jordan McKinney

City Clerk
Legal Counsel

Nicole Reitz
Sean Rowe (Zoom)

Visitors: Peggy Jones, Raylene Stiehl, Lynn Broyles, Vonnie Hemp, Dale Rutherford, Sandra Sornai, Ted Bendure, Brandon Chadock, Marci Carruth

Zoom: Michael Miller, Greg Reitz, LeeAnn Gallagher

PUBLIC COMMENT-PERSONAL COMMUNICATION-CORRESPONDENCE :

Resident Sandra Sorani addressed the Council regarding long-standing nuisance and code enforcement issues on Western Avenue, citing overgrown weeds, debris, numerous unlicensed vehicles, a burned or heavily damaged structure, and an overgrown pool area attracting pests. She expressed concern about public safety and fire risk, frustration that notices are issued without visible follow-up, and dissatisfaction with inconsistent council member attendance. Mayor Wilcox stated that nuisance notices have been issued to several Western Avenue properties and that staff typically manages 9–10 active cases at a time, while Community member Vonnie Hemp reported that demolition of a burned-out residence is temporarily delayed at the request of a local attorney, with plans to demolish it along with an adjacent property purchased for cleanup. Mrs. Sorani also complained that garbage cans are sometimes left in the middle of driveways after trash collection and asked that they be placed so they do not block access.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No Report at this time

MINUTES REVIEW-APPROVAL:

Council member Dickerman moved to approve the July 31, 2026, Special meeting minutes as presented.

Council member Skoglie moved to approve August 5th, 2026, meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

SEWER-DISPOSAL ACCOUNT DELINQUENCIES-ADJUSTMENTS-REFUNDS:

The Council considered the agenda item regarding delinquent sewer and disposal service accounts and related payment responsibilities. No further discussion or action was recorded on this item, and no formal adjustments or refunds were approved at this meeting.

ACTION FOR REVIEW OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR CHIP SEAL AND REPAVING OF CAMILLA AND AMHERST AND CONSIDERATION OF AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

The City Council reviewed bids for the chip seal and repaving projects on Camilla Drive and Amherst, funded by RTC funds. Mayor Wilcox reported that bid requests had been advertised and sent out, and one bid was received from SNC (Sierra Nevada Concrete). The bid included three components:

1. Repave a section of Amherst (sewer line maintenance area) in the amount of \$86,315.20.

2. Pulverize and pave Camilla Drive (approximately 9,805 square feet) in the amount of \$146,584.75.
3. Chip seal overlay with micro surfacing (approximately 580,000 square feet) covering:
 - o Art Mountain
 - o East Broadway from River Crossing to 13th
 - o West Broadway from Cornell Avenue to Upper Valley Road
 - o 13th Street from East Broadway to Amherst
 - o 12th Street from East Broadway to Amherst Avenue
 - o Railroad crossing to 8th Street from East to West Broadway
 - o Railroad crossing from West Broadway to East Broadway
 - o Cornell Avenue to East Broadway in the amount of \$551,000.00.

Mayor Wilcox stated that all three components were within the RTC budget allocated for these projects. Council member Skoglie offered a motion to accept the bid from SNC for all three projects as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT BILL NO. 278: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOVELOCK MUNICIPAL CODE (LMC) TITLE 17 TO ADD CHAPTER 620, PROVIDING SECTIONS 17.620.00– 17.620.20, INCLUSIVE, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE, PARKING, AND STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; AND CHAPTER 15 TO REVISE 15.285, TO REGULATE THE STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING OF VEHICLES, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAVEL TRAILERS, TRAILERS AND BOATS ON STREETS WITHIN THE CITY; AND, PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO

Mayor Wilcox presented Bill No. 278, an ordinance amending the Lovelock Municipal Code to Add Chapter 17.620 to define and regulate recreational vehicles (RVs), including campers, trailers, motorhomes, pickup coaches, and travel trailers; and Amend Section 15.285 to regulate the stopping, standing, and parking of vehicles, RVs, travel trailers, trailers, and boats on city streets. The mayor summarized key provisions, including Use as dwellings: Use of RVs as dwellings is generally unlawful outside designated RV parks; only limited, temporary overnight sleeping is allowed (up to 14 days per calendar year, no cooking, and no permanent utility connections). Storage on residential property: RVs may be stored on the owner's property if compliant with ordinance standards, including. Parking in an enclosed structure, carport, side or rear yard (without blocking habitable-room windows/doors), or on a driveway if rear/side yard access is unavailable. Maintaining at least 10 feet setback from the curb and no encroachment on sidewalks, easements, or rights-of-way. Loading/unloading and temporary utilities: Loading/unloading with temporary utilities is allowed anywhere on the premises for up to 48 hours. Public street parking: RVs, travel trailers, and boats may not be parked on a street, highway, or alley for more than 72 consecutive hours. Effective date: The ordinance would become effective 20 days after passage and approval and after publication by title with adequate summary and posting. Council members confirmed they had copies of the proposed ordinance. During the public hearing, Council Member Skoglie asked how the ordinance would apply to a situation where a relative parks an RV on her property for 5–7 days at a time once a month and connects temporarily to house electricity (no permanent hookups and waste is dumped off-site). The mayor indicated this question should be addressed by the City Attorney and attempted to obtain his input via Zoom. Due to audio issues, the City Attorney could not be heard, and the mayor stated he would follow up with him and report back regarding compliance in that type of situation.

Motion carried unanimously

PERSHING GENERAL HOSPITAL ANNUAL COMMUNITY REPORT

Pershing General Hospital CEO Brandon Chadock presented the 2025–2026 Annual Community Report, noting that the hospital contributes an estimated \$25–35 million annually to the local economy, employs roughly 140 full-time staff (nearly 200 including PRN and contract), and maintains a long-term care census at its 25-bed capacity. He reported that PGH has expanded

access through weekend outpatient lab and imaging hours, wellness walk-ins, advanced wound care, added microbiology services, and increased specialty offerings including cardiology and infusion services. Chadock also highlighted the nursing home's 4-star CMS rating with a goal of reaching 5-star, nearly \$4 million in grant-funded equipment and facility upgrades planned for FY 2026, and the foundation's growing scholarship and fundraising efforts. Council members expressed appreciation for the report, clinic responsiveness, and the quality improvements achieved; no formal Council action was required or taken on this informational item.

PROCLAMATIONS-AWARDS:

None at this time

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

Deputy Clerk Stewart provided the Council with written reports summarizing permits pulled for July, a transaction register listing daily payments received for business licenses, and a liquor license transaction report for the same period. It was noted that activity appeared to be "pretty busy." The reports were received for review, and no formal Council action was requested or taken on this item.

MAYOR-COUNCIL-STAFF REPORTS-PROPOSALS:

Council member Skoglie reported attending the Pershing Healthcare Foundation dinner, noting it was very successful and complimenting the meal, and describing progress with the WNDD/record committee, including work on a clearer, consolidated grant application form. The mayor provided updates on continued efforts to address weeds and nuisance properties throughout the city, including properties with people living in trailers and locations with multiple unlicensed vehicles on Western Avenue, with an indication that legal counsel will be consulted regarding enforcement and towing options. Public Works reported they are currently down one employee but have received several applications and plan to review and schedule interviews. Mayor Wilcox discussed ideas for xeriscaping and playground improvements at the city park, possible development of a dog park, and concerns related to garbage service, including households with multiple cans and instances where cans are left in driveways. The animal control report was received noting that the shelter is at capacity and that staff are exploring partnership options with the museum to support animal placement and resources. No formal Council action was taken under this item.

VOUCHERS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLL:

Council member Skoglie offered a motion to approve the vouchers, claims, and expenditures as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vonnie Hemp reported that previously approved trees for the museum had not yet been planted. It was explained that the original planting locations conflict with new water and electrical lines being installed at the museum site. Vonnie indicated she will coordinate with the museum (including Neil) to identify appropriate alternative locations and proceed with planting the trees once the utility work and placement issues are resolved.

Rodney J. Wilcox, Mayor

Nicole Reitz, City Clerk