



**MINUTES**  
**LOVELAND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**  
**Tuesday, January 30, 2018 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6:30 PM**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Marsh, Overcash, Fogle, Ball, Clark, Olson, Jersvig, Wright

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Johnson

**NEW ITEM FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2018 MEETING**

Councilor Overcash asked to have the property transaction for the County building on 6th and Cleveland to be presented with a possible executive session at the February 6, 2018 meeting. He received a "rule of 4" with the approval of Olson, Clark, Fogle, Marsh and Jersvig.

**1. CITY MANAGER  
MUNICIPAL BROADBAND SERVICE**

Briana Reed-Harmel, engineer and project manager for the Broadband Task Force presented this item to Council. City Council seeks to have an open dialogue regarding the City's investigation on whether to become involved, and to what extent, in providing municipal broadband services to its residents and businesses.

At this meeting, Council wished to openly discuss, in a public format, the possible benefits, pitfalls and concerns of a municipality providing broadband services in the Loveland area as compared to the private sector and gain a broader understanding as to why such a move may or may not be in the best interest of our citizens.

Companies that attended the meeting to address Council and the public concerns over public-private broadband networks:

Brad Moline with ALLO Communications; Abel Chavez and Robert Wood with Century Link; John Lehmann, Jeff Dolan, Mike Spaulding and Leslie Oliver with Comcast; Roger Wilson, Ben Lewis-Ramirez and Lauren Bender with Foresite Group; Jason Mesiga with Mox Networks; Alan Meyer with Sherpa Fiber.

Council provided a list of questions they wanted each group to address prior to the meeting. Council then asked each group additional questions regarding their products and services as well as reading questions from citizens. Council had directed staff, with a rule of 4, to bring an action item allowing City staff to move forward with the Broadband Task Force's recommendations.

- Establish the structure and governance of an enterprise utility;
- Further develop a detailed business implementation plan;
- Issue a Request for Proposal for a build-ready network design and complete same;
- Evaluate financing options;

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- Immediately implement an aggressive community outreach and education effort;
- Formally transition the existing Broadband Task Force into a City Commission; and
- Ensure that no efforts preclude future partnering options with public or private entities

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2. **ADJOURN**

**Mayor Marsh adjourned the January 30, 2018 Study Session at 11:15 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



  
Beverly A. Walker, City Clerk

  
Jacki Marsh, Mayor