

**City of Lodi Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of 02/01/2022**

**1.) Call To Order**

Chair Hansen called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Committee members present: Eric Hansen, Tim Ripp (remote), Nick Strasser.

Others Present: Mayor Ann Groves-Lloyd, Brenda Ayers, Melissa Randall-O'Neil, Russ Schaefer, Wayne Smith, Jonathan Stefonek.

**2.) Meeting Etiquette.** Skipped-No attendees online

**3.) Public Input.** None

**4.) Approval of Minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**MOTION** (Strasser/Hansen) to approve the minutes from the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting. Roll call vote taken-Aye (Hansen, Strasser, Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**5.) Building Permit Monthly Report**

The building permit cumulative summary report was reviewed. No discussion/question on financials.

**6.) ECCJMC Monthly Report**

The 2021 Summary Comparative Monthly Financial Report was reviewed. Smith: court is back in full session and financials expected to be in line with year prior to Covid-19 closures. No additional discussion/questions on financials.

**7.) EMS Monthly Report**

Schaefer: Last year call totals were at 615 which is 14% over what they had for calls previous year. Total calls for each Municipality: City of Lodi 325, Town of Lodi 163, West Point 45, and Town of Dane (under contract) 34. Schaefer noted out of 615 calls for service, 536 were resident calls (taxpayers), 82 were non-resident calls, and 49 were cancelled/stand by calls. Groves-Lloyd asked about volunteer numbers. Schaefer advised roughly 18 active members were brought on and while they were at 16 active members this time last year, they are now at 29 active members. Schaefer also updated the committee on the status of the ambulance involved in the accident. A chassis was located, is being painted and the ambulance will hopefully be back in service in 3-4 weeks, 8 weeks ahead of schedule. Marshall's ambulance/loaner to Lodi EMS was returned/condition to do so by end of 2021.

**8.) Fire Department Monthly Report**

The Fire Chief's Report was reviewed. Strasser updated the committee on the status of the new fire engine targeting a March 2022 delivery. Fire Chief to work with an art student in the Lodi school district to design graphics for the engine. Outside of the report, Strasser advised the FD Commission is curious on the status of the IGA. Groves-Lloyd indicated she would follow-up with Strasser on this. Strasser also asked if any update on the new fire station and/or any communication with the property owner and the status of that. Groves-Lloyd should have a report in March of 2022.

**9.) Police Department Monthly Report**

Smith-End of year financials for 2021: Asset and K9 Forfeiture are stagnant/no change. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, the Police Department came in at \$95,000 under budget. Call totals for 2021 were 6227 which is roughly 17.06 calls per day. The Department has been fully staffed since February of 2021-Current. 2020 squad maintenance was over budget at \$12,623/\$7,500 budgeted. In 2021, that line-item expense dropped to \$5,516 /\$7,500 budgeted and is a direct impact of fleet replacement. Cameras installed downtown have been an asset and assisted in solving numerous crimes as the department can go back and review footage. Training

completed: Wagner, Lowe, Nichols, and McCarty-Instructor Development Certification/United Tactics Instructors with the State of WI. This allows staff to conduct training in house and saves on expense of outside training/travel. Monson-ICAC, Internet Crimes Against Children & has already been assigned numerous case investigations. Two officers are partnered with the Columbia County Drug Task Force. Nichols attended a formal training put on by the Madison Police Department for their city's 56 crossing guards and has been working one on one with crossing guards in Lodi to improve traffic related concerns during school rush hours. The outdoor range is near completion. The Police Department was a Dolly Fund Grant recipient and was awarded \$5,000, which was used to purchase 5 new AEDs in squad rescue bags. Hansen asked what shelf life of AED was. Schaefer noted that the unit requires minimal maintenance (batteries and pads) and if cared for, will last until technology advances to where it needs to be replaced. All PD events did return in 2021 along with Coffee with a Cop which is routinely held throughout the city. Groves-Lloyd noted the speed signs have been installed on Lodi St. and the neighborhood was responsible for coming up with half of that funding.

#### **10.) Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Replacing EMS Garage Doors**

Schaefer-looking to repair or replace garage doors & openers with funds out of the Lodi Shell Rental Account. Current CD balance from rent money is \$26,909.00 and checking account with BMO Harris is at \$39,191.51. Total cost/estimate to replace, given back in July, was around \$22,000, with verbiage that included parts availability and the cost to possibly increase/decrease depending on what is available. Schaefer indicated two of the three doors have damage from backing in/travel out and when staff currently keys up their mics, & at times, the mic will open/close garage bay doors. Strasser requested to see quotes before moving forward. Schaefer to obtain quotes and present to HR & Finance. **MOTION** (Strasser/Ripp) to recommend garage door replacement, pending estimates, to HR & Finance. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen, Ripp, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

#### **11.) Update and Discussion Regarding SRO**

Smith-provided an update on an SRO position and recent call activity at the school. Call numbers between December 2021-January 2022 totaled 120. Of those calls, 85 were traffic related and 35 were other incidents. Of those 35 incidents, 8 were case investigations. Smith noted that juvenile information is protected and while information is not being shared publicly, the department has spent a considerable amount of time actively investigating, interviewing, and going through media files the past month. An emphasis was placed on what role an SRO would have in the school district, beyond case investigation, to include: relationship building, providing training & education to staff and students, and working directly with staff to resolve concerns. Training that is focused on recent concerns, provided by LCAT to students, was currently being explored. An approximate breakdown cost of an SRO per year at \$99,431.00, 70% cost to school, 30% cost to city was discussed. Groves-Lloyd noted that there was support for an SRO and had wanted to get it into referendum, but it couldn't be done without cutting another position. Strasser asked what other Municipalities do for businesses that have frequent calls. Smith provided information on nuisance ordinances with demerit systems/fines for businesses. Groves-Lloyd mentioned legal responsibility, as the schools are in the City of Lodi. Groves-Lloyd also noted that the Lodi School District is comprised of nine taxing Municipalities, and the City of Lodi taxpayers are paying for law enforcement response/case investigation time, in full. Ripp stressed the importance of continuing to present the overall benefit an SRO would have within the schools and that while outside training is helpful, the environment is too dynamic and ever changing to not have that educational component/role full time.

#### **12.) Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Renewal of the Haz-Mat Agreement with Columbia County**

Ayers-This is a continuation of an existing agreement. In 2021, the city paid \$672 and in 2022, the expense is \$649. Discussion took place on what falls under HazMat; to include Industrial Park, Railways, Transportation Carriers hauling hazardous materials and the agreement working as an insurance policy/HazMat response if an incident occurred. **MOTION** (Strasser/Ripp) to recommend renewal of Haz-Mat Agreement to Finance & HR. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen, Ripp, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried at 4:53pm.**

**13.) Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Lodi Shell Lease (Old EMS Building)**

Ayers-the attachment is for the existing lease. Renewal went through the EMS Commission, and they recommended a one-year renewal. Current rent is \$500. Interest has come up in property. First right of refusal goes to Dan Dolson. Groves-Lloyd noted with uncertainty of the new fire station and that property, a one-year lease is recommended. Ayers will update existing lease to change terms, years/dates, and names at bottom.

**MOTION** (Ripp/Strasser) to recommend renewal of lease with updates to Finance & HR. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen, Ripp, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried at 4:57pm.**

**14.) Next meeting date, time, and agenda items**

The next regularly scheduled Public Safety Committee meeting is Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00pm. No agenda items requested at meeting.

**15.) Adjourn**

**MOTION** (Strasser/Ripp) to adjourn at 4:58pm. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen, Ripp, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

*Minutes by Melissa Randall-O'Neil, Administrative Assistant, Lodi Police Department.*