

City of Lodi
Finance & Human Resources Committee
Minutes of February 8, 2022

1. Call to Order.

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Eric Hansen, Nick Strasser, Mike Goethel, and Tim Ripp (virtual), Peter Tonn

Staff Present: Sandy Bloechl, Brenda Ayers, Terry Weter (virtual)

Others: Bruce Bushnell from Bushnell Ford, Heidi LeHew and Melissa Card from Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce

2. Virtual Etiquette Announcement.

3. Public Input - none

4. Approval of Open & Closed Minutes from January 11, 2022

MOTION (Goethel/Strasser) Approval of minutes from January 11, 2022. Roll call vote: Aye: Ripp, Strasser, Goethel, Hansen, Stevenson, Tonn. **Motion carried.**

5. Financials

No discussion

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding EV Charging Station

Stevenson said one of the main concerns was the EV charging station on private property. Groves Lloyd gave overview of why at Bushnell Ford. Well lit, visible and offered some funding. Bushnell explained he wanted to have a charger for anyone and Ford has endorsed the Blink brand as a preferred charger. Bushnell would take care of snow plowing and salting. Also looking into installing some type of awning in case of inclement weather. Goethel said biggest concern was long term. Tonn preferred either just business or just city and after reading all the documents it could get messy because of easements and MOU. Ripp agrees that it should be all city. Ayers said the expense estimate is low since the MSA quote for survey is over \$2,000. Goethel suggest moving ahead with proposal. Ripp asked what would happen if another business wants to install a charger. Bushnell said he will probably install a charger without the city, but it would be turned off when the business is closed. Hansen questioned liability issues. Bushnell said he would amend his policy to cover liability. Strasser has spoken with EV car owners and they say they do not go somewhere because of a charger. It's easier for them to charge at home. Bring information on insurance costs, cost of survey for easement, attorney costs, signage to upcoming council meeting. Strasser suggested giving a grant to Bushnell if that was a possibility. Recommend to council.

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Funding Request from Chamber (Executive Director Position)

Hansen explained that the Chamber is looking to implement a full-time Director with ARPA funds. Tonn asked if this is the correct use of the funds. Ayers explained that the money is to offset the negative impact COVID had on communities. Ayers interprets that this newly created position wouldn't qualify. Tonn disagrees and thinks since a lot of the events had to be cancelled that it does qualify. Funds need to be spent on regular government business without any explanation. If used for this we would be subject to audit and reporting. Hansen questioned if the other communities were willing to partner with the Chamber for this. Ripp wanted to clarify if this is a one-time request and at this time it is.

Motion (Tonn/Strasser) recommendation to council use \$26,000 to start Executive Director Position for the Chamber. Roll Call Vote Aye- Stevenson, Ripp, Goethel, Strasser, Hansen, Tonn. **Motion carried.**

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

2022 1-year lease Hansen said current tenant would like a longer lease

Motion (Hansen/Tonn) recommendation to council regarding 1-year Lodi Shell Lease. Roll Call Vote Aye- Tonn, Stevenson, Ripp, Goethel, Strasser, Hansen. **Motion carried.**

9. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding EMS Garage Doors

Hansen explained EMS would like to replace damaged doors \$22,000 – hasn't received any other quotes – Lodi Shell rental fund was what was going to be used and all 3 municipalities need to agree

Motion (Strasser/Ripp) recommendation to council regarding replacement EMS garage doors. Roll Call Vote Aye- Stevenson, Tonn, Ripp, Goethel, Strasser, Hansen. **Motion carried.**

10. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Renewal of the Haz-Mat Agreement with Columbia County

Motion (Tonn/Hansen) recommendation to council renewal of the Haz-Mat Agreement with Columbia County. Roll Call Vote Aye- Stevenson, Ripp, Tonn, Goethel, Strasser, Hansen. **Motion carried.**

11. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Contract For Assessment Services

Motion (Stevenson/Tonn) recommendation for Administrator to move forward with Milde Appraisal contract for Assessment Services. Roll Call Vote Aye- Stevenson, Ripp, Goethel, Strasser, Tonn, Hansen. **Motion carried.**

12. Administrator/Finance Director Report

No discussion

13. Next Meeting Date. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5 p.m.

14. Adjourn. MOTION (Hansen/Ripp) to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Voice vote – all Ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Sandy Bloechl, Accounting Manager/Treasurer