

City of Lodi
Economic Development, Finance & Human Resources Committee
Minutes of Feb 11, 2025

1. Call to Order.

Chair Goethel called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Tim Ripp, Mike Goethel, Eric Hansen, Morgan Heller, Dennis Crow Sr

Staff: Brenda Ayers, Sandy Bloechl, James Lincoln, Chief Smith (virtual), Jennifer Sweeney

Others: Heidi LeHew

2. Meeting Etiquette

3. Public Input

4. Approval of minutes from January 14, 2025 EDFHR Meeting

MOTION (Stevenson, Ripp) Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2024 EDFHR Meeting. Voice Vote All Ayes
Motion carried.

5. Financials

Concerns were discussed regarding past due balance for Lodi Canning

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding ATV/UTV Ordinance.

Ayers explained that the ordinance format is for discussion. Chief Smith explained that a lot of input was gathered throughout the state from other Chiefs who have ordinance for this purpose. Drinking and driving is a concern since it wouldn't affect drivers license since it falls under DNR. Sweeney contacted surrounding municipalities who allow ATV/UTV and none of them said anything negative yet.

Motion (Hansen, Crow Sr.) Recommend to Council Approval of Draft of ATV/UTV Ordinance. Roll Call Vote Aye – Ripp, Crow Sr., Hansen, Heller, Goethel. Nay – Stevenson. **Motion carried**

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Lodi Fire Department IGA

Ayers gave history of what has been going on with the Lodi Fire IGA and then gave highlights of the IGA.

MOTION (Stevenson, Ripp) Recommend to Council Approval of IGA with the Town of Lodi, City of Lodi and Town of West Point for the Lodi Area Fire Department. Roll Call Vote Aye – Hansen, Heller, Goethel, Stevenson, Crow Sr., Ripp. Nay – 0. **Motion carried**

8. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Dog Park

Ayers informed that the Friends of the Dog Park have raised the required \$15,000 and what has been approved by Council so far. The cemetery will only lease to the City of Lodi. Lease agreement needs to be drafted by our lawyer to make sure the list of items the cemetery has are addressed. No direction was given to Ayers on what she should convey to our lawyer regarding what the lease should contain for the city except to have a clause to be able end the lease at any time.

9. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Pay Request 9 (FINAL) Submitted by Visu-Sewer for Hwy 113 Utilities Project

Motion (Stevenson, Heller) Recommend to Council Approval of Pay Request 9 (FINAL) Submitted by Visu-Sewer for Hwy 113 Utilities project for \$10,258.79

Roll Call Vote Aye – Crow Sr., Goethel, Hansen, Heller, Ripp, Stevenson. Nay – 0. **Motion carried**

10. Business Contact Update

Nothing

11. Economic Development Workgroup Update

Nothing

12. Administrator Report

13. Update: Lodi Lake WI Chamber of Commerce

LeHew gave update. Up to 200 members.

14. Update: Ice Age Trail Community

None

15. Convene to Closed Session. – moved to Council meeting next week

Motion () to convene to closed session per 19.85(1)(e), stats for Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss Fire Services and potential land purchase. Roll Call Vote Aye –Heller, Crow Sr, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Stevenson; Nay – (0). **Motion carried.**

16. Reconvene to Open Session.

Motion () to reconvene in open session. Voice vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.**

17. Meeting Recap

Goethel gave meeting recap.

18. Future Agenda Items

None

19. Next Meeting Date – on Tuesday, March 11 at 4:00 PM

20. Adjourn. Motion (Crow Sr., Ripp) to adjourn. Voice Vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Minutes by Sandy Bloechl, Accounting Manager/Treasurer