

City of Lodi
Common Council Meeting
Minutes –February 16, 2022

Present: Alderpersons Stevenson, Goethel, Hansen, Ripp (Virtual), Strasser, Mayor Groves Lloyd

Excused: Alder Tonn

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, Terry Weter, Chief Smith

Others Present: Vince Breunig, School Administrator; Andy Zimmer, MSA; Jonathan Stefonek, Lodi Enterprise; Anna Stieve, WPPI Energy Services Representative (Virtual) and Heidi LeHew, Lodi Area Chamber of Commerce

There were technical difficulties... meeting started 8 minutes late.

Mayor Groves Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM in the Council Room at City Hall, 130 S Main, Lodi.

Roll call was taken –Goethel, Hansen, Ripp, Stevenson and Strasser were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Groves Lloyd skipped the meeting etiquette since there were no members of the public signed up for public input.

Public Input. None.

Presentation Regarding School District Referendum. Vince Breunig, District Administrator, provided a handout regarding the referendum and gave a brief summary.

MSA Year-End Project Report. Andy Zimmer, MSA. Zimmer spoke about the items on the year-end report attached to the agenda.

Consent Agenda. MOTION (Stevenson, Goethel) to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes from January 18, 2022 and Special Event Permit for Occupaws Summer Market on May 29, 2022. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Hansen, Goethel, Stevenson, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Columbia County Supervisor Report. None.

Library Report. None.

Resolution Approving Renewal of Haz-Mat Agreement with Columbia County. MOTION (Hansen, Stevenson) to approve Resolution 22-03 Approving Renewal of Haz-mat Agreement with Columbia County. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Strasser, Goethel, Ripp, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Approving Lease with Lodi Shell- Old EMS Building. MOTION (Strasser, Hansen) to approve Resolution 22-04 Approving Renewal of Lease Agreement (Lodi Shell). Roll call vote – Aye (Goethel, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Authorizing Use of Funds from Rental Account to Repair EMS Building Doors. MOTION (Stevenson, Goethel) to approve Resolution 22-05 Authorizing Use of Rental Funds to Replace EMS Garage Doors. Ripp reported that an additional quote has been received since the Finance & HR meeting and noted the written document does not reflect the updated quotes. Ayers reported that the costs would be just under \$20,000 per the most recent quote from Overhead Door (without the torsion spring option). Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Stevenson, Goethel, Hansen, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of EV Charging Station and Approving the Easement and MOU. MOTION (Stevenson, Hansen) to approve Resolution 22-06 Authorizing Purchase of EV Charging Station and Approving the Easement and MOU. Ayers reported that she had not heard back from the insurance provided regarding the liability insurance coverage but thought it would be covered under the existing City policy. She further reported that she received a quote from Williamson Surveying in Waunakee in the amount of \$1,200 for the legal description of the easement area. Mayor Groves Lloyd reported that Bushnell's insurer will provide liability coverage on the charging unit. Anna Stieve of WPPI provided information on a station located in Prairie du Sac. Stevenson noted that the Finance and HR Committee expressed an interest in exploring grant opportunities for Bushnell to purchase and own the charging station in lieu of the City owning the station on private property. Stieve reported on the grant available for commercial EV Stations. It was determined that the grant was probably not enough incentive for a private business to allow public use of the charging station. Council members also discussed placing the charging station on public property. Mayor Groves Lloyd noted that if the charger is located in a City parking lot, it would result in a loss two parking spots in the downtown. Concerns were raised regarding a City-owned charger being in competition with private businesses. Mayor Groves Lloyd reported that a publicity plan to draw public attention to the charger and the partnership between the City and Bushnell will be brought back to Council. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Stevenson, Goethel, Ripp); Nay (Strasser). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Granting ARPA Funds to Lodi Area Chamber of Commerce. MOTION (Stevenson, Hansen) to approve Resolution 22-07 Granting ARPA Funds to Lodi Area Chamber of Commerce. **MOTION** (Stevenson, Strasser) to amend the motion to revise the resolution to add “one-time donation”.

Heidi LeHew reported that the Town of Lodi has a different process than the City for requesting funds. Since the events are held in the City, the Chamber decided to approach the City for funding first. LeHew also noted that there was an error in the number of Chamber members and the dues collection in 2022 will be lower than anticipated.

Roll call vote on amendment to the motion – Aye (Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**
Roll call vote on the amended motion- Aye (Hansen, Goethel, Strasser, Ripp, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Mayor Report. Mayor Groves Lloyd reported on meetings held with the Bank of Prairie du Sac and a developer interested in the Top of Lodi property. She further reported that there is palpable energy in the community and great things are happening this summer.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn. MOTION (Ripp, Goethel) to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Voice vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Brenda Ayers, City Clerk