

City of Lodi Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting
Minutes of January 7, 2020

1. Call to Order

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

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Eric Hansen, Ann Groves Lloyd

Staff Present: Kennan Buhr, Julie Ostrander, Jennifer Sweeney, James Lincoln

Others: Jim Ness and Suzanne Miller

2. Public Input. None

3. Approve Minutes of December 3, 2019 Meeting

MOTION (Groves Lloyd/Hansen) to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

The committee discussed if they made a recommendation regarding the creation of a policy for unauthorized use of water.

4. Financials

No questions regarding financials.

5. Recommendation to Authorize Adaptive Management Progress Report (MSA)

Buhr stated that MSA needs to report where we're at with adaptive management to the DNR and this task order allows them to do so. Additionally, the second paragraph authorizes MSA to start conversations with the DNR regarding higher phosphorus limits. The phosphorus limit needs to be raised so Lodi can stop pursuing adaptive management. **Motion by GL/Hansen to recommend authorization of the task order for Lodi Adaptive Management Progress Report #3. Motion carried.**

6. Update: Process to Assign/Sign Out Water Meter

City staff discussed how to prevent unauthorized use of water. Per the city's lawyer, the building inspector and utilities supervisor are allowed on the premises at any time during construction. The committee discussed disallowing access to the curb stop by plumbers and no longer allowing them to turn water on and off. In addition, the ordinance needs to be corrected so it parallels the police fines. It was also mentioned that the fine structure for electrical meters should also be considered.

7. Update: Lodi Utilities Logo (Redesign)

Sweeney reported on the new logo for the Lodi Utilities and showed an example. A few changes are still pending, but the general concept will stay the same.

8. Sewer Hookup at 115 Lodi St.

There is a sewer issue that was discovered at 115 Lodi St. after the CSM was approved by the Plan Commission. There is one sewer access for two buildings. The new owners want to connect to the sewer at 112 S. Main St. The sewer from the Lodi St. building connects into the sewer at 112 S. Main St. and then exits to the city sewer on Main St. Water connections are separate. According to city ordinances, the building owners can hook their sewer up to the sewer at 112 S. Main St. if the sewer can handle the capacity. The new owner has to have her plumber do the calculations. They need to figure out their usage before it can be approved by the building inspector.

The committee discussed whether or not to send this issue back to the Plan Commission because it's part of the CSM, or an agreement could be tied to the Council approval of the CSM. Ostrander suggested discussing this with the city's Planning and Zoning Administrator.

9. Director of Operations Projects Report

Buhr provided an update on the sewer lining in the city. Highway 60 sewer lining is complete, and the company is now working in Goeres Park. There has only been one complaint during this process.

Buhr also reported that the public works employees are trimming street trees. Any ash trees that need to be trimmed will be removed.

10. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is February 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Agenda items should include street projects and bids for Pond Street.

11. Adjourn

MOTION (Groves Lloyd/Hansen) to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Management Analyst