

**City of Lodi**  
**Committee of the Whole – Special Meeting**  
**Minutes of January 27, 2026**

**Call to Order**

Stevenson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Morgan Heller, Dennis Crow Sr, Rich Stevenson, Tim Ripp (left at 5:13 PM), Tom Marx  
Excused: Brendan Flanagan  
Staff: Jennifer Sweeney  
Others: None

**Roll Call -** Roll call was taken. Heller, Crow, Stevenson, Marx and Ripp were present.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Committee Member Expectations/Rules, Alder Goals, and City Priorities**

**1. Committee Member Discussion of Expectations and/or Rules**

The committee discussed the expectations they have as council members and the expectations they have for the Committee of the Whole “work” meetings. Heller stated that his expectation to constituents is transparency, and he has found that the city is very transparent in its public communications. Ripp stated he felt as though this type of meeting should discuss the items that might get missed during the regular Committee of the Whole meetings. Marx discussed council members being liaisons to certain areas such as public safety, parks, etc. with the council member being responsible towards what’s going on in that particular area. He also stated additional sources of funding need looking into. The committee discussed staff reports.

**2. Alder Goals**

The committee members discussed their goals. Stevenson mentioned the idea of raising additional monies for the city.

**3. City Priorities**

The committee members discussed city priorities. Stevenson stated a priority of his is to get the budget within means and balanced. The committee briefly reviewed the financial management plan scope of services.

**Next Meeting Date Discussion**

The committee agreed to move the Committee of the Whole “work” meetings to 4:00 PM prior to the council meeting. The next meeting will take place at 4:00 PM February 17, 2026.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- Budget
- Public Safety
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Council Member Assignments

**Adjourn - Motion** (Heller/Marx) to adjourn. Voice Vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, City Administrator