

**City of Lodi**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
**Minutes –May 16, 2023**

**Present:** Alderpersons Stevenson, Goethel, Hansen, Ripp, Strasser, Tonn, Mayor Groves Lloyd

**Staff Present:** Brenda Ayers, James Lincoln

**Others:** Jonathan Stefonek, Lodi Enterprise

Mayor Groves Lloyd called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Council Room at City Hall, 130 S Main, Lodi.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Groves Lloyd skipped the meeting etiquette.

**Public Input.** None.

**Consent Agenda. MOTION** (Strasser, Goethel) to approve the consent agenda items including: approval of minutes from April 18, 2023 and the following special event permit applications: Lift Lodi on May 20, Occupaws Outdoor Market on May 28, Memorial Day Parade on May 29, and Chalk the Walk on August 11. Roll call vote- Aye (Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Tonn, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Columbia County Supervisor Report.** None.

**Library Report.** None.

**Resolution Approving Renewal of Class A Retail Alcohol Licenses for 2023-24. MOTION** (Strasser, Ripp) to approve resolution 23-23 Approving Renewal of Class Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Beverage Licenses. Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Approving Renewal of Class B Retail Alcohol Licenses for 2023-24. MOTION** (Strasser, Stevenson) to approve resolution 23-24 Approving Renewal of Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Beverage Licenses. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Approving Renewal of Amusement Device Licenses for 2023-24. MOTION** (Strasser, Stevenson) to approve resolution 23-25 Approving Coin Operated Amusement Device Licenses. Roll call vote – Aye (Strasser, Tonn, Hansen, Ripp, Stevenson, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Approving Request from US Cellular to Allow Verizon to Colocate on Tower and Ground Space at 296 Prospect. MOTION** (Stevenson, Goethel) to approve resolution 23-26 Approving Colocation of Verizon on Ground Space at 296 Prospect. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Strasser, Goethel, Ripp, Stevenson); Nay (Tonn). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Authorizing WPPI Loan (Ballpark Lights). MOTION** (Ripp, Goethel) to approve resolution 23-27 Authorizing Borrowing Money from WPPI (Ballpark Lights). The ten-year term zero percent interest loan was secured to fund the replacement of the ballpark lights at Goeres Park. Roll call vote – Aye (Goethel, Tonn, Ripp, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Authorizing Staff to Pursue a Simplified Rate Case (Water). MOTION** (Stevenson, Hansen) to approve resolution 23-28 Authorizing Staff to Pursue a Simplified Rate Case. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Strasser, Goethel, Stevenson, Hansen, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Awarding of Bid and Financing the Hwy 113/N Main St Utilities Project.**

**MOTION** (Stevenson, Goethel) to award S&L Underground Bid A Base and Alternate and Bid B Base and Alternate to Visu-Sewer. Discussion followed regarding Alternate A (Gay Street to Alkar). It was noted that the lead lines are primarily in the section from four corners to Gay Street (Base A). It was also noted that the infrastructure between Gay Street and Alkar is over sixty years old and there have been water leaks in that area. It was further noted that it would be highly unlikely that the cost of the project from Gay Street to Alkar will be cheaper in the future. One of the factors contributing to the favorable Alternate A Bid is the decrease in mobilization costs because the contractor is already onsite. Concerns were also raised about funding future projects. Data provided by Ehlers shows that the City/Utility have the capacity to handle the debt for this and future projects without increasing the debt service levy.

**MOTION** (Tonn, Strasser) to amend the motion to state to amendment to award S&L Underground Base Bid A and Bid B Base and Alternate to Visu-Sewer. Roll call vote to amend motion – Aye (Tonn); Nay (Goethel, Ripp, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen). **Motion failed.** Roll call vote on main motion- Aye (Strasser, Ripp, Hansen, Goethel, Stevenson); Nay (Tonn). **Motion carried.**

**MOTION** (Goethel, Strasser) to approve financing as outlined by Ehlers and to pursue a parameter sale. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Hansen, Goethel, Tonn, Strasser, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Mayor Report.** A written report was attached to the agenda and the Mayor verbally reviewed highlights. Also reported on letter received from Representative Plumer regarding increase in shared revenue.

**Meeting Recap.** Mayor Groves Lloyd recapped the action taken by Council at the meeting.

**Future Agenda Items.** None were noted.

**Next Meeting Date.** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 planning meeting at 4 p.m.; regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjourn. MOTION** (Goethel, Strasser) to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. Voice vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Brenda Ayers, City Clerk