

**City of Lodi Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting
Minutes of June 1, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Eric Hansen, Mike Goethel

Staff Present: Julie Ostrander, Brenda Ayers, Jennifer Sweeney, Dan Markart

Others: Ann Groves Lloyd

2. Meeting Etiquette. Stevenson reviewed the announcement.

3. Public Input. None.

4. Approve Minutes of May 4, 2021 Meeting

MOTION (Goethel/Hansen) to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting. Roll Call vote: Aye (Hansen, Goethel, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Financials. No questions.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Proceeding with the Water Simplified Rate Case

Ehlers presented information on a water simplified rate case. The water utility is eligible for a simplified rate case since it is below the rate of return. The projected monthly increase across the board is estimated to be 3%. In total, residential customers are looking at roughly a \$28.00 per year increase to their bill. The next steps include filing with the PSC on July 8 with an effective date of August 31, 2021.

MOTION (Hansen/Goethel) to recommend to Common Council proceeding with the water simplified rate case. Roll Call vote: Aye (Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding a Budget Amendment (Water Rate Case)

The cost of filing the simplified rate case is \$2,500. This amount was not originally included in the 2021 water utility budget. Therefore, a budget amendment is needed.

MOTION (Hansen/Goethel) to recommend to Common Council a water rate case budget amendment. Roll Call vote: Aye (Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

8. Discussion and Recommendation Regarding Approval of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report

The Compliance Maintenance Annual report is completed each year for the wastewater treatment plant. Markart explained the document indicates how efficient the plant is running with operations and financials. The plant is running at about half the capacity of its design.

MOTION (Stevenson/Hansen) to recommend to Common Council the approval of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Roll Call vote: Aye (Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

9. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Removal of Parking Spot Near Main Street Shell

The operator of the Main Street Shell has requested the removal of the parking spot that impedes the line of sight when vehicles pull out of the gas station. Additionally, it was noted that the four parking spots in that location are very small. The suggested idea is to eliminate one parking spot and enlarge the remaining three spots. The Public Safety Committee considered this same agenda item at their meeting and recommended it to Common Council for approval.

MOTION (Stevenson/Goethel) to recommend to Common Council the removal of the parking spot near Main Street Shell. Roll Call vote: Aye (Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

10. Director of Operations Projects Report

The committee reviewed the report. Stevenson clarified that the barriers at the Mill St. bridge will be changed so biking and walking is allowed.

11. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

12. **Adjourn. MOTION** (Goethel/Hansen) to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Management Analyst

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