

City of Lodi
Common Council Meeting
Minutes –June 20, 2023

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

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, James Lincoln, Dan Markart, Chad Wolter

Others: Lisa Trebatoski; Ehlers and Jackie (virtual)

Mayor Groves Lloyd called the meeting to order at 5:33 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, Ripp) to approve the consent agenda items including: approval of minutes from May 16, 2023; the following special event permit applications: Lodi Ag Fair July 6-10, Susie the Duck Days on August 12, Lodi FFA Alumni Tractor Pull and Demo Derby August 25-26; Resolution 23-29 Granting Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Beverage License; and Resolution 23-30 Approving Stormwater Pond Review Proposal from Mead & Hunt. Roll call vote- Aye (Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Tonn, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Columbia County Supervisor Report. None.

Library Report. None.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 325-4 Snow Emergencies. MOTION (Strasser, Ripp) to approve Ordinance A-562 Amending Chapter 325-4 Snow Emergencies. Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Concerning The 2022 Electronic Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR). MOTION (Stevenson, Goethel) to approve resolution 23-31 Concerning the Electronic 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. It was noted that the wastewater utility generally scores a 4.0 on the report. This year, the utility received a B grade in the ammonia effluent. In November of 2022 the ammonia effluent was abnormally high. No cause was found and the ammonia returned to normal levels without further intervention. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Potential Dog Park. Ripp reported the cemetery association is willing to lease a piece of property on the west side of current cemetery on Sauk Street for ten years at a cost to the City of \$1,500 per year. Ripp shared his initial drawing for the space. At the Parks Committee meeting it was discussed to add a small breezeway space with a gate. Ripp noted he is looking for conceptual approval prior to obtain costs estimates for parking area, fencing, etc. Mayor reported that two people have indicated an interested in chairing a Friends of the Dog Park group and the thought is that the friends group raise a to be determined amount of money and the Parks Development Fund will contribute the rest of the money. Council members expressed an interest in a lease with a term longer than ten years. Next steps include community input, obtaining cost estimates, establishing regulations, etc. **MOTION** (Strasser, Hansen) to authorize Parks Committee to continue to pursue the dog park. Roll call vote – Aye (Strasser, Tonn, Hansen, Ripp, Stevenson, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Approving Scope of Engagement with Quarles Brady for Bond and Disclosure Services Series 2023A Debt Issue. MOTION (Strasser, Goethel) to approve Resolution 23-32 Approving Scope of Engagement with Quarles Brady for Bond and Disclosure Counsel (2023 Water Utility Debt Issuance). Roll call vote –**Motion carried.** Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Strasser, Goethel, Ripp, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0).

Initial Resolution Authorizing \$1,965,000 General Obligation Bonds For Water System Projects. MOTION (Stevenson, Hansen) to approve Resolution 23-33 Initial Resolution Authorizing 1,965,000 General Obligation Water System Bonds, Series 2023A. Roll call vote – Aye (Goethel, Tonn, Ripp, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Directing Publication Of Notice To Electors Relating To Bond Issue. MOTION (Stevenson, Hansen) to approve Resolution 23-34 Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issue. Roll call vote – (Ripp, Strasser, Goethel, Stevenson, Hansen, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Establishing Parameters For The Sale Of Not To Exceed \$1,965,000 General Obligation Water System Bonds, Series 2023A. MOTION (Hansen, Strasser) to approve Resolution 23-35 Establishing Parameters Sale of Not to Exceed 1,965,000 General Obligation Water System Bonds, Series 2023A. Roll call vote – Aye (Goethel, Ripp, Strasser, Stevenson, Tonn, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Authorizing Lineworker Wage Increase. MOTION (Hansen, Ripp) to approve Resolution 23-36 Authorizing Lineworker Wage Increase. **MOTION** (Strasser, Ripp) to amend the motion to approve Resolution 23-36 Authorizing Lineworker Wage Increase with following revision: and ~~to~~ **with a goal of incorporating** an additional \$2.50 per hour on top of the standard across the board increase into the 2024 Budget. Roll Call on amendment- Aye (Hansen, Stevenson, Tonn, Strasser, Ripp, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.** Roll call vote on amended motion – Aye (Ripp, Hansen, Tonn, Goethel, Strasser, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Amending Separation Of Employment Policy And Employee Handbook Relating To Post Retirement Benefits. MOTION (Strasser, Goethel) to approve Resolution 23-37 Amending Separation of Employment Policy (Sick Leave Conversion). Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Hansen, Ripp, Stevenson, Goethel, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Mayor Report. A written report was attached to the agenda and the Mayor verbally reviewed highlights.

Meeting Recap. Mayor Groves Lloyd gave a recap of the meeting.

Future Agenda Items.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn. MOTION (Strasser, Tonn) to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Voice vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Brenda Ayers, City Clerk