

**City of Lodi Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting
Minutes of July 2, 2024**

1. Call to Order

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

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Dennis Crow, Sr., Mike Goethel

Others present: Amy Bares

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, Jennifer Sweeney, James Lincoln, Ann Groves Lloyd

2. Meeting Etiquette.

3. Public Input. None

4. Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2024.

Motion (Crow, Goethel) to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting. Voice vote: Crow, Goethel, Stevenson- Aye (3); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Financials. No discussion.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Separation of Chlorine and Fluoride at the Wellhouses and the Use of Fluoride in the Future

Lincoln provided prices to separate chlorine and fluoride in each wellhouse. The EPA stated that this is a safety concern. Stevenson asked if there were costs associated with not using fluoride. Lincoln stated that there will be some cost, but it will be very minimal. The wells do not have chemical containment. Chlorine containment would be needed even if fluoride was eliminated. However, the cost for containment is the purchase of three plastic tubs if fluoride is eliminated. Eliminating fluoride will save either \$521,800 (existing equipment) or \$637,700 (new equipment). Crow recommended discontinuing the use of fluoride, noting that it is not required by the DNR, and it would take over a half million dollars to become compliant. The committee agreed with Crow's recommendation.

MOTION (Crow, Goethel) to recommend to Common Council discontinuing the fluorination of the water supply within the city for matters of cost. Roll call vote: Crow- aye; Goethel- aye; Stevenson- aye. **Motion carried.**

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Services Provided and a Contract Extension with Columbia County Solid Waste & Recycling

Sweeney provided background information regarding the original contract with Columbia County Solid Waste and Recycling. She also provided an overview of base rates for a one, three, or five-year contract extension. Sweeney noted that the recycling rates were reduced upon her request. Columbia County Solid Waste and Recycling receives a DNR recycling grant on behalf of the City of Lodi. Sweeney asked that those monies be applied to the recycling base rate to reduce the cost. Stevenson noted that the five-year rates were more favorable with cost savings.

MOTION (Crow/Goethel) to recommend to Common Council a five-year extension for the Columbia County Solid Waste and Recycling contract. Roll call vote: Crow- aye; Goethel- aye; Stevenson- aye. **Motion carried.**

8. Utilities, Streets, and Parks Superintendent Report

Lincoln reviewed activities and projects in the departments he supervises.

9. Meeting Recap

Stevenson reviewed the approvals and discussions.

10. Future Agenda Items

None

11. Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00 PM – Unless Cancelled for National Night Out

Stevenson recommends that the meeting be cancelled due to National Night Out. The next meeting is in September.

12. Adjourn. Motion (Goethel/Crow) to adjourn. Voice vote: Crow, Goethel, Stevenson- Aye (3); Nay (0). Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Deputy Administrator

APPROVED