

**City of Lodi**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
**Minutes – April 21, 2020**

**Present:** Alderpersons Hansen (remote), Miller, Stevenson, Tonn, Mayor Groves Lloyd

**Others:** Julie Ostrander, Dawn Collins, Chief Smith, Lt. Nichols, Pat Staszak (remote), Director Schafer (remote), Mike Goethel (remote), Steve Clemens, Nick Strasser

Oath of Office was administered to Mayor Ann Groves Lloyd.

Oath of Office was administered to Alder Peter Tonn.

Mayor Groves Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM in the Council Room at City Hall, 130 S Main, Lodi.

Roll call was taken – Mayor Groves Lloyd, Alders Hansen (remote), Miller, Stevenson, and Tonn were present.

Mayor Groves Lloyd reviewed the etiquette for the combination remote/in-person meeting - providing one registration for public input, the conduct to follow when speaking, and identified elected officials and staff attending remotely.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Input.** Mike Goethel offered a number of questions to the Council relating to the Top of Lodi property. An email was provided asking the following - 1) what was asked of the property owner and what is done 2) what is needed formally from the neighborhood to weigh in on any decision 3) does a written process exist for the larger community to participate. (His email will be incorporated into the record.)

Chief Wayne Smith introduced PD's new Lieutenant Bill Nichols, who officially started April 11th. A ceremonial oath was administered to Lt. Nichols.

**Resolution to Approve Appointment to Fill Alderperson Term. MOTION** (Stevenson, Miller) to approve Resolution 20-23 to appoint Steve Clemens to fill the Alder term from Groves Lloyd through April 19, 2021. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution to Approve Appointment to Alderperson. MOTION** (Stevenson, Miller) to approve Resolution 20-22 to appoint Nick Strasser as Alderperson for the two-year term ending April 18, 2022. **Motion carried.**

The Oath of Office was administered to Alders Steve Clemens and Nick Strasser.

**Elect Council President. MOTION** (Tonn, Hansen) to nominate Rich Stevenson as Council President. Tonn closed nominations. **Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda. MOTION** (Stevenson, Miller) to approve the consent agenda including minutes from the March 17 Council meeting, the March 20 Special Council meeting and March 20 Closed Session, as well as Resolution 20-20 approving agent change for Kwik Trip (Kearney) and Resolution 20-21 approving agent change for Log Tavern (Fitzgerald). Alder Miller requested a resolution about recording the attendance of Alders at meetings. Tonn explained these minutes were reflective of the proceedings. Stevenson suggested that her request be discussed at Finance and HR. **Motion carried.**

**Department Update Relating to the Health Emergency Order.**

EMS - Director Russ Schafer provided an update on the modification of operations since the order, mentioning the effect on staff emotionally, assessing from a distance, altering how EMS responds in a more methodical manner, assessing prior to any transport as hospitals are limiting admission, directly daily health screening of staff. He stated call volume is 27%

less than last year. Challenges include planning for potential loss of staff, cross-staffing, lack of PP equipment and, depending upon decisions of the state, funding going forward.

Police Department – Chief Wayne Smith stated that staff are using masks and, with a closed lobby, have less contact with public and less in-person service and distancing as necessary, as well as evaluating over the phone similar to EMS. He stated that area Chiefs have met to determine emergency staffing plan, partnering with other agencies if necessary to pool staff. Challenges are the limited PP equipment, regular sanitizing of vehicles, decreased regular calls but more COVID inquiries of restrictions.

Utilities/Public Works – Director Pat Staszak stated that he and a few crew members spent some time in self quarantine due to similar symptoms. Crews are keeping distance, often using additional vehicles to conduct work, and sanitizing equipment. He stated there is some citizen pushback relating to parks being closed; although all efforts are to move forward to prepare to open as planned but will depend upon decisions from the state.

Administration – Director Julie Ostrander stated all staff are well and met daily while our doors were open to the public for voting purposes. City Hall doors are now closed; however, business continues by telephone and email and utilizing the utility drop box outside City Hall entrance. The city website and social media are kept current with changes. New hire activity is moving forward for seasonal positions. A new FMLA policy addendum with extended guidelines was issued to all employees. The PSC directed to waive late fees for utilities, although it will display on the bill and also show as a credit in order to track fees, and utilities will not disconnect at this time. City staff spends more time utilizing Gotomeeting and webinars for PSC, League, FEMA as well as tracking COVID expenditures. Grants are being sought for business and additional surveys relating to COVID are completed.

Spring Election – Clerk Collins reviewed the election activity at City Hall. Doors remained open to the public for in person absentee voting three weeks prior to the Spring Election. Lobby restrooms were propped open and citizens entering City Hall were instructed to wash hands prior to conducting business. For Election Day, Collins modified the polling location to the lobby in order to reduce touch points, utilize restrooms as hand washing stations, keep voters outside properly distanced, and set up work stations for poll books and ballots behind the customer service counter/glass. Collins expressed gratitude for five Election Inspectors, who gave their time over the course of Election Day, for Deputy Clerk Lanette Mayberry sworn to act as an Inspector and City staff, including Peggy Richards and Julie Ostrander, who assisted in sanitizing, monitoring voters and processing absentee ballots. Sanitizing the work and voting areas took place every 15 minutes of the 13-hour day. The election wrapped up on April 13, as instructed by the WEC, with a total turnout of 1,174 voters with 942 being absentee ballots. A few election related questions were responded to.

Tonn suggested this overall update would be appropriate to share with media as well as a constructive reminder to the public.

**Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessment. MOTION** (Tonn, Stevenson) to approve Resolution 20-16 for the Pond Street project. Stevenson stated this is common when assessing improvements for curb, gutter and sidewalk. He stated the assessment is a 50/50 split between City and residents. **Motion carried.**

**Set a Public Hearing – Special Assessments for Public Improvements.** Mayor Groves Lloyd stated that MSA suggested the date of May 19 for the public hearing. A time was discussed. The public hearing will be scheduled and noticed as required for Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 PM.

**Resolution to Appoint City Representative to the CCEDC. MOTION** (Stevenson, Tonn) to approve Resolution 20-17 to appoint Julie Ostrander, Director of Administration, to the Columbia County Economic Development Committee for one year. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution to Appoint Members to Standing Committees. MOTION** (Stevenson, Tonn) to approve Resolution 20-18 as presented, including Chairs of Committees. **Motion carried.**

**Resolution to Appoint Members to Boards, Commissions. MOTION** (Stevenson, Strasser) to approve Resolution 20-19 as presented. **Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting Date.** The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020, at 6 PM.

**Adjourn. MOTION** (Miller, Stevenson) to adjourn at 7:25 PM. **Motion carried.**  
Minutes by Dawn A. Collins, City Clerk

**Dawn Collins**

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Sweeney; Dawn Collins; Julie Ostrander  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: City Council/Committee Public Input Registration

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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### City Council/Committee Public Input Registration

First Name	Mike
Last Name	Goethel
Address	227 Palmer Pkwy
City	Lodi
State	WI
Zip	53555
Contact Number	6082191934
Public input for Common Council or Committee Meeting?	Common Council
Please select the Committee in which you would like to speak during public input.	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Please include the date of your selected Common Council or Committee meeting.	4/21/2020
Subject	Discuss status of Top of Lodi re-zoning & neighborhood input

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## Dawn Collins

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**From:** Mike Goethel <goethel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:35 PM  
**To:** Dawn Collins  
**Cc:** Ann Groves Lloyd  
**Subject:** Public input - April 21, 2020 Common Council meeting

Dawn, following are the questions I asked during Public Input at the 4/21/20 Common Council Meeting.

Is Top of Lodi planning to petition for re-zoning of their parcel? If yes...

- 1.) What was asked of Duane Steinhuaer, after the NO vote last year, for the Council to reconsider the change in zoning? What has Duane done to comply with those requests?
- 2.) What does the Common Council need formally, from the adjacent neighborhood, to weigh in on and influence the decision? Many in our neighborhood participated in Common Council and Committee meetings last year prior to the downvote; we want to make sure there is no question as to our wished in development of that Top of Lodi parcel.
- 3.) Does a written process exist for this specific re-zoning petition, that will be published, to provide community members an understanding of how they can participate?

Please let me know if you need further clarification on any of the questions.

Best Regard,  
Mike

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### **How have you and your colleagues been impacted?**

EMS had to make many changes from a response aspect to station conduct, to public interaction. We immediately began to consult with our Medical Direction Team who have been instrumental in providing us assistance throughout this.

This has impacted our employees/members emotionally and this is a great risk we are taking on. It is even greater for those who don't have to do this and do so as a paid-on call member. There is concern that if this continues, we are potentially going to see staff reduce hours and or depart the profession as it simply "is not worth it"

Self-isolation and distancing in the station is also difficult as members are used to interacting with each other and the public, and that has predominantly ceased.

Command Staff attend briefings 2 times a week with Dane County EMS/EM as well as a weekly meeting with EMS Chiefs from Dane County.

### **How, if at all, has your work been impacted?**

This has changed almost every facet of how we respond to requests for service. We are forced to be more diligent, slower and more methodical when we approach patients. On some calls, we are going in alone to calls and assessing from a safe distance. We are wearing a significant amount of PPE, something patients and community members are not accustomed to seeing us in.

We have developed a patient care protocol that allows us to assess patients and determine risk levels and the severity of illness and make an educated assessment. We then consult with the patient about self-monitoring and remaining at home versus being transported. If they decide to remain home, we have a patient information sheet that we hand out as well as specific instructions on follow up care.

All on duty staff are required to monitor temperatures and a health screening and availability. This allows command staff to see trends, identify any potential sick individuals as well as predict our staffing levels for the day. Anyone with any symptoms is dismissed and not allowed to return until they are 72 hours symptom free.

Our call volume has dropped off significantly down due to Safer at Home. Currently we have experienced a 27.5% decrease in run volume YTD. We expect at some point we will see a surge of patients; we just don't know when. Municipalities should prepare for a decrease in run revenue, thus the desire to maintain an operational reserve.



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### **What challenges do you anticipate in the upcoming weeks?**

First and foremost, is the safety and wellbeing of my crews. Not only is there great concern on my part to keep them all safe and healthy, but many have children and families that there is also concern for exposure. We do everything in our power to minimize exposures and provide them with all the tools and protection we can.

Surge planning is underway as well. We are prepared through mutual aid to provide and receive aid in the event we see an influx of calls.

Staffing is one major concern. Should we have multiple or even a few--down to one person become sick or remove themselves from service, we could be faced with staffing issues. On April 3rd, Governor Evers issued an emergency order that loosened regulations on EMS credentialing. I have prepared for this and have entered an MOU with Waunakee EMS as well as Cross Plains EMS that allows for cross credentialing and sharing staff.

PPE remains another area of concern. SNS delivered two shipments to Wisconsin, and subsequently DHS allowed 3 application periods for supplies. We were awarded all 3 times, and although we didn't get everything we applied for, we did get a substantial amount of PPE to boost our stock.

Wisconsin requires local governments of a certain size to offer fire services, but there is no requirement that they provide emergency medical services. One of our concerns is going to be funding moving forward. State Medicaid has not increased since 2008 and the reimbursement we see from that almost puts us at operating at a loss before we even get to the patient. There is talk to increase this, but the government needs to recognize EMS as an essential service and provide more easily accessible grant funding and fund state and federal aid. This is probably not the time to ask, but this pandemic is shining a light on EMS and how truly essential they are to the healthcare system overall.