

**City of Lodi Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 1, 2022**

1. Call to Order

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Eric Hansen
Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, Jennifer Sweeney (Virtual), Terry Weter
Others: Suzanne Miller

2. Meeting Etiquette. Chair Stevenson reviewed the meeting etiquette.

3. Public Input. Suzanne Miller discussed truck and bus routes.

4. Approve Minutes of December 7, 2021

Motion (Stevenson/Hansen) to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting. Vote: Aye (Stevenson, Hansen)
Motion carried.

5. Financials. No questions.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding a Resolution Authorizing the Director of Operations to Apply for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant

The intention of this grant is for assistance in funding the project by Dollar General. \$340,000 would come from the grant and \$85,000 would come from the tax increment district. Weter indicated there has been no response from the railroad if they would co-sponsor the project. The application for the grant was already submitted but a resolution is needed as well. The project would be engineered in 2024 with a start date in 2025.

Motion (Hansen/Stevenson) to recommend to Common Council a resolution authorizing the Director of Operations to apply for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant. Aye (Stevenson, Hansen). Nay (0). **Motion Carried.**

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding WWTP

The projects presented would use the funds the city borrowed for the wastewater treatment plant in 2018. There is \$231,000 left. Weter indicated they struggled to find contractors to come out and bid or provide estimates on the projects. The committee expressed concern over the expense of the projects and the lack of estimates.

Motion (Stevenson/Hansen) to recommend to Common Council Strander Roofing roof repairs in the amount of \$108,000, Greystone Construction replacement cover for fabric building and other furnishings and installations in the amount of \$35,330, and Process Equipment Repair Services removal of tower filter aerator fans and install new in the amount of \$50,100. Aye (Stevenson, Hansen). Nay (0). **Motion Carried.**

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding North Substation Upgrade Contract

Substation number one was updated a few years ago by Krause. Another update to substation number 2 has been planned for the last several years. Krause provided an estimate to update that substation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Motion (Hansen/Stevenson) to recommend the contract to upgrade the north substation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Aye (Stevenson, Hansen). Nay (0). **Motion Carried.**

9. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Vac Truck Purchase

The wastewater, water, and electric departments can cover the cost of the new vac truck purchase if the committee and council elect to go with the suggested bid. The truck would be built to the requested specs. The total budget is \$440,764. The wastewater department will use some of the money from the loan in 2018 to pay the portion the city was supposed to pay.

Motion (Stevenson/Hansen) to recommend the purchase of the vac truck. Aye (Stevenson, Hansen). Nay (0). **Motion Carried.**

10. Discussion and Possible Recommendation regarding an Ordinance Amending Chapter 325-3 A.(1) of the City of Lodi Code of Ordinances to Change the Downtown Parking Limit from Two-Hour to Four-Hour

At the direction of the mayor, Ayers placed this item on the agenda. The requested amendment changes parking from two-hour parking to four-hour parking. Stevenson noted that the ordinance doesn't specify that the parking time limit is restricted to downtown. The committee indicated they would like input from the police chief and requested this ordinance amendment be placed on the next Public Safety Committee agenda. Weter estimated that the cost per new sign is around \$100. The cost to replace all the signs is estimated to be \$1,000.

Motion (Stevenson/Hansen) to recommend the ordinance amending chapter 325-3 A.(1) to change the downtown parking limit from two-hour to four-hour to the April Public Safety Committee meeting. Aye (Stevenson, Hansen). Nay (0). **Motion Carried.**

11. Director of Operations Projects Report

The wastewater treatment plant permit expires every five years. The current permit expired in 2021 and the 30-day review for a new permit started today. The wastewater treatment plant is required to change testing from fecal testing to E.coli testing with the new permit. The cost to buy new equipment to complete the testing is estimated to be \$7,000. Weter will bring this back to the committee at a later date for approval. Water AMI meters are ordered and have a 17-week lead time. There have been several water main breaks this winter.

There are two federal grants available for pavement replacement. MSA has indicated their concern with the grants since the federal government takes over the project, and they are then unable to engineer it.

12. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items.

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

13. Adjourn. Motion (Hansen/Stevenson) to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Management Analyst