

**City of Lodi Common Council Meeting
Minutes – January 2, 2019**

Present: Mayor Ness, Alderperson(s) Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn

Excused: Alderperson Groves-Lloyd

Staff: Julie Ostrander, Dawn Collins

Others: Adele Van Ness, Mike Bilkey, Nancy Piraino, Charlie Luthin

Mayor Ness called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 130 South Main Street, Lodi WI.

Roll call was taken – Alders Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: None.

Consent Agenda: MOTION (Stevenson/Heckel) to approve items including Minutes of the Common Council Meeting on 12/04/2018, Closed Session Minutes of the Common Council Meeting on 12/04/2018 and City Payroll and Accounts Payable. **Motion carried.**

Action Items:

Ordinance A-526 to Amend Chapter 284 Snowmobiles. MOTION (Tonn/Miller) to approve Ordinance A-526. Adele Van Ness explained the annual request to the Park Commission to cross Goeres Park to fuel. This ordinance amendment authorizes the Director of Operations to respond to the request (instead of going before the Park Commission). Charlie Luthin (neighbor to Goeres Park) inquired about park hours and the time that snowmobiles are allowed to go through the park. It was discussed that the Snowmobile Club works well with the City and that occasionally, if trails are in good shape, outsiders may not adhere to the park regulation of closing at 10pm. The City will continue to be proactive about communicating park regulations to the Club. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Ordinance A-527 to Amend Chapter 38 Joint Municipal Court. MOTION (Tonn/Heckel) to approve Ordinance A-527. Hansen mentioned the revisions for the Joint Municipal Court participation. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Authorizing Participation in Columbia County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. MOTION (Stevenson/Tonn) to approve Resolution 19-01. Charlie Luthin inquired about whether there is public input to this plan. Collins responded that Columbia County is establishing a workgroup and is open to public participation. Flyers are available in the lobby of City Hall. **Motion carried.**

Resolution Adjusting City Employee Pay Based on Longevity in a Current Position. MOTION (Stevenson/Heckel) to approve Resolution 19-02. Stevenson stated this was reviewed at the Finance/Human Resources meeting and is recommended to approve the increase of some staff salaries to better align within classifications. Roll call vote taken - Aye (Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Amending Classification and Compensation Plan Policy 2. Pay Plan. MOTION (Stevenson/Heckel) to approve Resolution 19-03. Heckel explained the revisions of the policy and how to further compensate employees. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Authorizing a Public Improvement Project. MOTION (Tonn/Miller) to approve Resolution 19-04. This project was budgeted for about \$75,000. Charlie Luthin expressed concern about the amount of

drainage. Stevenson explained the drainage should be reduced and Tonn further explained how the drainage improvement will work utilizing this ditch. Discussion took place about increasing the storage capacity within the ditch. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution Setting the 2019 Schedule of Fees. MOTION (Stevenson/Tonn) to approve Resolution 19-05. Discussion took place specifically about the Retaining Wall Permit. Tonn questioned the purpose of the ordinance and specifically what walls require a permit. The new ordinance was briefly reviewed. Motion was amended to strike the Retaining Wall Permit Fee from the 2019 Schedule of Fees at this point. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution to Approve a Certified Survey Map to Consolidate Parcels of the Former Lodi Primary School, 103 Pleasant Street. MOTION (Stevenson/Tonn) to approve Resolution 19-06. Stevenson explained that Plan Commission moved this item forward with a split vote of 3-3. Discussion took place about the “Third Terrace” property being retained for recreational purpose. Stevenson pointed out that this property would not meet the criteria of the new ordinance that Council passed with recommendation from the Park Commission about suitability for land dedication. Tonn stated that if it has limited use then why combine it. Tonn expressed concern that the City is doing too much ahead of knowing what development may go in that space. He stated that it should be significant, and the property is in TID and that, once the City knows what is proposed, then it would be appropriate to consolidate parcels and rezone appropriately. Currently, it is zoned R-1 and the School District requested the property be combined for marketing/selling purpose. Mike Bilkey stated he would like to see the City buy back the Third Terrace property. Tonn stated that space, along with rezoning and consolidating, is the bargaining chip that the City holds. He suggested that the Third Terrace could be part of the land dedication depending on a proposed development. Adele Van Ness clarified Stevenson’s reference of the ordinance to amend land suitability stating that Council has the final say so for land dedication. It was suggested that the two school lots be combined and to leave the Third Terrace separate. Roll call vote taken – Aye (0); Nay (Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn). **Motion failed.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th.

Adjourn. MOTION (Heckel/Miller) to adjourn at 8:15 PM. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by: Dawn A. Collins, City Clerk