

City of Lodi Common Council Meeting
Minutes of February 6, 2018

1. Call to Order.

Council President, Rich Stevenson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 130 S. Main St., Lodi WI.

Council members present: Peter Tonn, Suzanne Miller, Ann Groves Lloyd, Bill Welch, Rich Stevenson and Eric Hansen. A quorum was present.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Input.

Brenda Yaskal, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, spoke to the Common Council. She is running for Judge in Columbia County. Her focus has been working with at-risk children and adults. She encouraged the Council and others to vote in the Spring Primary on February 20, 2018.

Cliff Arthur announced to the Council that he will be running for Wisconsin's 42nd Assembly District seat that was previously held by Keith Ripp. He stated he is getting out in different communities to listen to citizen concerns.

4. Business Items.

4.a. Consent Agenda:

- 4.a.1. Approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 common council meeting.
- 4.a.2. Location of February 20 council meeting due to the 2018 Spring Primary.
- 4.a.3 Approve November 2017 check register.
- 4.a.4. Approve November 2017 city payroll.

The February 20 meeting of the common council will be held at the Lodi Public Library.

Motion by Ann Groves Lloyd and a second by Bill Welch to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

4.b. Introduction of New Admin Assistant for Police Department.

Police Chief Scott Klicko introduced the new administrative assistant for the police department. Melissa Randall-O'Neil will be replacing Kathy Skarda who will retire in March. Randall-O'Neil is a graduate of Lodi High School and has a degree in psychology. She has worked for the Monona Police Department, the Wisconsin State Crime Lab and the Sun Prairie Police Department. She will start her new position on February 12.

4.c. One-sided parking – Chief of Police Remarks to Council.

Police Chief Scott Klicko wanted to clarify to Council the Police Department's position on the proposed one-sided parking on several streets in Lodi. He stated the Police Department is in favor of the Council adopting the new ordinance based upon safety issues.

4.d. Ordinance to Revise and Amend the City of Lodi Code Chapter 325-3 Parking, Stopping and Standing Regulated.

Discussion regarding the timing of putting up no parking signs if the ordinance passed. Public Works Director stated that the signs would likely go up some time in April after the frost was out of the ground. Chief Klicko stated tickets would not be given until signs were posted, only warnings. Miller stated that most residents who lived on these streets who showed up for meetings were against this change. Tonn countered by stating that it was really only residents from one street who were very vocal against this change and residents from other streets came to meetings with ideas and plans to make it work. Stevenson stated concerns that ambulances would have trouble making it through streets when they are narrowed by snow and the idea of emergency vehicles driving up over curbs to get around parked vehicles would not work with snow on the ground. Tonn stated he was sympathetic to residents who opposed the change but that the City has an obligation to public safety. Welch also acknowledged some residents will be unhappy but the Council has to address safety issues. Groves Lloyd stated she is comfortable that the Council has done its due diligence and the decision has to be for the greater good.

Motion by Groves Lloyd and second by Welch to approve Ordinance A-516 to Revise and Amend City of Lodi Code Chapter 325-3, Parking, Stopping and Standing Regulated.

Motion passed on a roll call vote: Miller-nay, Groves Lloyd-aye, Welch-aye, Stevenson-aye, Hansen-aye, Tonn-aye.

4.e. Ordinance to revise and amend the code of the City of Lodi, Chapter 289 Thereof, Entitled Solid Waste.

Miller asked for clarification that the changes to this Ordinance were for the purpose of cleaning up the language due to the change from bags and bins to the garbage and recycling carts. Other Council members confirmed this to be the case. Welch stated that he hoped this Ordinance would give clarity and that a gentle hand was needed as residents adjusted to changes in the garbage/recycling system in Lodi. Resident Nancy Long stated she hoped it could be better publicized that residents needing help getting their carts to the curb are made aware that Columbia County has a system in place to assist those with mobility issues. Several Council members stated that more literature provided to residents might be helpful and encouraged the representative from the Lodi Enterprise to provide more newspaper coverage.

Motion by Groves Lloyd and second by Welch to approve Ordinance A-517 to Revise and Amend City of Lodi Code Chapter 289, Thereof, Entitled Solid Waste.

Motion passed on a roll call vote: Miller-aye, Groves Lloyd-aye, Welch-aye, Stevenson-aye, Hansen-aye, Tonn-aye.

4.f. Resolution 18-05 Adoption of Sewer Rates.

Groves Lloyd, who is on the Utility Commission, stated that there really is no choice but to raise rates because money is needed to cover the costs involved. She also stated rates have not gone up for quite some time and we are currently running out of money. Stevenson stated the rate increase will help maintain and finance future infrastructure. Miller asked if this increase is only 1/3 of the increase that needs to happen, as water and electric may be going up to. Julie Ostrander stated that this is the case and that sewer is not regulated by the PSC and that is why rates can be raised without a rate study.

Motion by Groves Lloyd and a second by Hansen to approve Resolution 18-05, Approving Adoption of Sewer Rates.

Motion passed on a roll call vote: Miller-aye, Groves Lloyd-aye, Welch-aye, Stevenson-aye, Hansen-aye, Tonn-aye.

4.g. Resolution 18-07 Awarding the Bid for the 2018 Booster Station

The Resolution for the Booster Station came through the Finance Committee due to the short lead time on this project. Ostrander and Stevenson stated that this Resolution is necessary to approve the bid. Stevenson stated the bid came in at \$50,000 under the original estimate. Tonn stated that this project is needed due to the new school.

Motion by Groves Lloyd and second by Tonn to approve Resolution 18-07, Awarding the Bid for 2018 Booster Station Project.

Motion passed on a roll call vote: Miller-aye, Groves Lloyd-aye, Welch-aye, Stevenson-aye, Hansen-aye, Tonn-aye.

4.h. Resolution 18-06 Supporting creation of a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

Welch stated he requested that this Resolution be presented to Council. The Columbia County Board addressed this Resolution and, by a narrow margin, it did not pass. Welch stated this resolution represents a non-partisan way to have redistricting be fair and to encourage people to vote. Nancy Long stated she is on the County Board and stated some on the Board felt this resolution did not reflect county business. She informed the Council that the Wisconsin Counties Association did adopt this Resolution. She spoke further, encouraging people to vote in upcoming elections. Tonn read part of the Resolution out loud. He informed those in the audience how to access the Resolution on the website.

Motion by Welch and a second by Groves Lloyd to approve Res. 18-06. Motion passed.

5. Adjourn. Motion by Groves Lloyd and second by Miler to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes by Lanette Mayberry, Deputy Clerk