

**City of Lodi Special Common Council Meeting
Minutes – February 19, 2019**

Present: Mayor Ness, Alderperson(s) Groves-Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson

Excused: Alderperson Tonn

Staff: Julie Ostrander, Dawn Collins, Sandy Bloechl

Others: Adele Van Ness, Mike Bilkey, Allison Seaton, Stephanie Beckman, Chris Michel, Cindy Heal

Mayor Ness called the special meeting to order at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 130 South Main Street, Lodi WI.

Roll call was taken – Alders Groves-Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson were present. Alder Tonn was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: None.

Action Items:

Resolution to Authorize Application for Inspection Agency Registration (WI DSPS). **MOTION** (Groves-Lloyd/Miller) to approve Resolution 19-13. Stevenson noted that Finance/HR recommended approval of the resolution to authorize the inspection registration application with the state including a \$55 fee. **Motion carried.**

Resolution to Establish Snow and Ice Control Policy. **MOTION** (Groves-Lloyd/Stevenson) to approve Resolution 19-14. Groves-Lloyd stated that Public Works Committee recommended approval of the policy to allow the Director of Operations to authorize updates to the priority map for removing snow and ice. **Motion carried.**

Review of Ordinance Changes Relating to City Boards, Commissions, Committees. A draft of ordinances to restructure some of the commissions and committees based on Council discussion on February 5th were presented and reviewed individually. Draft ordinance A-531 dissolves the Historic Preservation Commission and transfers the power to the Plan Commission. No further discussion took place. Draft ordinance A-532 dissolves the Community Development Block Grant Housing Commission. It was noted that the CDBG is a standing item on the Economic Development Committee agenda. No further discussion. Draft ordinance A-533 modifies the title of the Board of Public Works, the powers of the Utility Commission, and the city representatives of the Fire and EMS Commissions. No further discussion. Draft ordinance A-534 dissolves the Park Commission and would establish the ordinance language to function within a new Parks, Public Works and Utility Committee. Discussion on this item took place. Adele offered a different option for a Parks Committee and provided general feedback from the Commission relating to the responsibilities that members take on – each member is responsible for one or two parks to care for; involved in special park projects; collaborate with other groups; plant trees; review special requests for special use of parks; reviewing the comprehensive plan; planting flowers. She shared the countless volunteer hours involved from members. Adele expressed her concern of losing the historical aspect of citizen involvement. The members agree with changing the powers to be advisory but have concern of the proposed composition and do not want to dismiss the dedication of the Park Commission members. The option presented suggests changing the Park Commission to a Parks Committee reporting directly to the Council. Groves-Lloyd suggested the idea of removing the administrative role from the Parks Commission to be a project-related group for more time to do what the members are passionate about. Discussion regarding what council wants communicated back from committees took place. Cindy offered a different view of her impression that council wants. Mike offered his concern of loading too much on Public Works. Adele addressed the communication getting back to council and how items were previously reported on the Council agenda. Allison stated her concern is that too much will be on (Kennan) the Director of Operations.

Mike stated that he would like to see the composition of the committee remain the same including various affiliates. Discussion came to a close and Park Commission members left the meeting. Draft ordinance A-535 modifies the composition and purpose of standing committees to include prior Council discussion. No further discussion. Draft ordinance A-536 amends the Utility Commission powers to the Public Works Committee. Chris expressed his concern about education of the committee in order to make decisions for the utility. Mayor Ness explained his daily work with staff on the utility operations and the technical expertise of city staff. Stephanie stated that this is the first she heard of the proposed transition and would like to keep the citizens involved engaged in activities. It was suggested that a special Utility Commission meeting be held before the next Council meeting. Mayor Ness stated these ordinances were for review and discussion and will be acted on at the regular Council meeting on March 5th. Discussion closed on this item.

Convene to Closed Session: MOTION (Groves-Lloyd, Miller) to convene to closed session. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Groves-Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.** Discussion took place in closed session.

Reconvene to Open Session: MOTION (Heckel/Groves-Lloyd) to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Groves-Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Possible Action on Agreement with Lodi Area Fire Department. MOTION (Stevenson/Heckel) to approve the formula presented by the ‘Triangle’ group. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Groves-Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Possible Action on Agreement with Lodi Area EMS. MOTION (Groves-Lloyd/Miller) to approve the new formula for the EMS agreement. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Groves-Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Adjourn. MOTION (Groves-Lloyd/Miller) to adjourn at 7 PM. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by: Dawn A. Collins, City Clerk