

City of Lodi
Common Council Meeting
Minutes –April 16, 2019

Present: Mayor Ness, Alderpersons Groves Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn

Staff: Julie Ostrander, Kennan Buhr, Sandy Bloechl, Dawn Collins

Others: Nancy Long, Alex Leclair, John & Deb Manchester

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input. None.

Collins administered the Oath of Office to Alderpersons Groves Lloyd, Hansen, and Miller.

Elect Council President. MOTION (Heckel, Groves Lloyd) to nominate Rich Stevenson as Council President.

MOTION (Miller, Stevenson) to nominate Ann Groves Lloyd. Roll call vote taken for Stevenson as Council President – Aye (Groves Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (Miller). **Motion carried.** Roll call vote taken for Groves Lloyd as Council President - Aye (Miller); Nay (Groves Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Stevenson, Tonn). Motion failed.

Resolution to Approve Revolving Loan for Cupola Projects LLC. Mayor Ness suggested taking this item first so the Manchesters could leave for another commitment. **MOTION** (Stevenson, Heckel) to approve Resolution 19-27. Tonn explained this item being at Economic Development Committee and that the revolving loan program is fully funded. Historically, the committee provides \$2000 and the intention of the loan is for façade improvement; thus the committee was in agreement to approve \$4000. The façade plans were complimented and Deb Manchester offered the Facebook page of “113southmain” to see the planned improvements. **Motion carried.**

Library Report. Nancy Long introduced the new Library Director, Alex Leclair. Leclair provided an update to the Council, stating that he is getting acclimated to the Director position. He identified a number of technology improvements that were quick to make for the convenience of staff and visitors. He stated that current staff is a great team. He expressed gratitude to Julie Ostrander and city staff for working together. Looking ahead, Leclair intends to address the library logo, website and an upgrade to the community room. He has been ordering new material, and summer programs and incentives are being worked on. He will continue to provide the Council updates. Alder Tonn inquired about his background, in which he explained. Tonn also offered an alternative resource for funding.

Consent Agenda: MOTION (Groves Lloyd, Heckel) to approve items including Minutes of the Common Council Meeting on 04/02/2019; March Accounts Payable and Payroll; Approve One Mother of a Run Event on May 11; Proclamation for Creative Economy Week 2019; Resolution 19-31 to Support Fixing State Transportation Funding Shortfall; Resolution 19-32 to Support Increased Levy Limit Flexibility; Resolution 19-33 to Support Shared Revenue Funding Increase; Resolution 19-28 to Appoint Members to Standing Committees; Resolution 19-29 to Appoint Members to Boards and Commissions; Resolution 19-30 to Appoint a City Representative to CCEDC. **Motion carried.**

Action Items:

Ordinance A-531 to Dissolve Historic Preservation Commission and Transfer Power to Plan Commission.

MOTION (Heckel, Stevenson) to approve Ordinance A-531. Stevenson noted there was a public hearing at the Plan Commission and no objection was heard; in fact, there was support stating there is no change to the function but simply the entity reviewing it. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Groves Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (Miller).

Motion carried.

Ordinance A-538 to Amend Chapter 30-1 Meetings of Common Council. MOTION (Groves Lloyd, Stevenson) to approve Ordinance A-538. Council meetings will take place the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Groves Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

City Economic Development Asset Mapping. Tonn explained that this item was reviewed at Economic Development as a reorganization effort with Columbia County Economic Development Committee. Ostrander and Groves Lloyd are meeting with the Chamber for assistance getting input from the community. This item will be brought back to Economic Development Committee with updates.

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

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

Adjourn. MOTION (Groves Lloyd, Heckel) to adjourn at 7:05 PM. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Dawn A. Collins, City Clerk

APPROVED