

**City of Lodi**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
**Minutes – June 18, 2019**

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

**Staff:** Julie Ostrander, Dawn Collins, Alex LeClair, Dan Markart

**Others:** Monica Johnston, Scott Bilse, Dorie Bilse, Nicole Bilzing, Mike Goethel, Amy Brown, Roger Klopp, Susie Wimmer, Christina Smith-Gallagher, Jennie Larsen and other citizens

Mayor Ness called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.** Mike Goethel (Palmer Pkwy) spoke in opposition of rezoning the Top of Lodi property. He suggested that the council members review the comprehensive plan for the city for redevelopment. Roger Klopp (Corner) spoke against rezoning the Top of Lodi property and objects to changing the R-1 to anything else unless a good development is laid out. He suggested that elderly housing be considered. Amy Brown (Madison) objected to rezoning the Top of Lodi property and to keep it R-1 for the neighborhood. Nicole Bilzing objected to any change of the property and told the Council that she trusts they will have the entire community's best interest in mind when making decisions on the property. Susie Wimmer (Palmer Pkwy) stated the structure on the property is not suitable for children and understands it will be millions to get anything new there. She objects to rezoning the property and asked instead to demo the building and reconsider something different. Scott Bilse (Ridgestone) objects to any rezoning and pointed out that he does not reside in the neighborhood. Monica Johnston (Madison) is not a fan of the building remaining as is. She shared information of the current property owner, his position as District Alder in Madison and a review of his other properties not being well maintained. She asked that council members consider something else for the property. Michelle (Sunset) objected to rezoning the Top of Lodi property. Michelle also shared a sample of what her neighbor (404 Sunset Drive) is using as netting over lawn seeding that is causing other damage – birds caught in it, floating around neighborhood, dogs eating it – and asked that the City to consider banning the use of it. Dorie Bilse (Ridgestone) stated that the school made decisions that now put the City in a difficult situation for the Top of Lodi property. The Mayor stated there are currently discussions taking place with the property owner and when there is something different to bring to a committee meeting, it will be at the Economic Development Committee meeting.

**Library Report.** Director Alex LeClair reviewed the results of the assessment from the public forum the library held. He highlighted activities to address engaging the community in the life of the library – including adding Saturday story time in addition to Wednesday, added children's activity and reading clubs. He reviewed some of the improvements to the facility; stated there are two new hired pages; reported that the circulation increased in May and he is working to get before other entities that fund the library.

**Consent Agenda. MOTION** (Groves Lloyd, Hansen) to approve the consent agenda including the following – Common Council Meeting Minutes from 5/21/2019, 5/28/2019, 6/6/2019 and closed session minutes on 6/6/2019; City Payroll and Accounts Payable; Annual Library Run Walk event on August 10 and CC Menes Tour of Homes on July 20; Resolution 19-56 Appointing Member to Lodi Area EMS (Groves Lloyd); Resolution 19-61 Approving Amended Police Position Descriptions; Resolution 19-62 Authorizing Sale of the 2011 Ford Police Vehicle. Vote - Ayes (6); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Mayor Ness suggested to take item 13 next as staff was present to speak to it.

**Resolution to Approve the 2018 Compliance Maintenance Report. MOTION** (Stevenson, Groves Lloyd) to approve Resolution 19-65. Dan Markart (Waste Water Treatment Operator) stated there is nothing out of the ordinary, remaining at about half capacity. He did state however that they are obligated to fix/repair the building per DNR orders and also suggested the council be mindful of a succession plan for staffing. Vote - Aye (6); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution to Approve a Dog Park Location. MOTION** (Stevenson, Groves Lloyd) to approve Resolution 19-57 for the dog park location on Main St. Stevenson stated he is opposed to this being located on Main St. He has concerns of the utilities. Heckel agreed and stated she is opposed to the location regardless of the contingencies. Tonn raised the question of cost for the site. Tonn stated that all the efforts seeking a location are appreciated but this particular site is unfavorable. Hansen stated that in lieu of an ideal location, he would support this one in order to create a dog park. Mayor Ness stated there is no progress with the fairgrounds. He said the two business owners abutting the proposed site, one in the City and one in the Town, does not want the parcel to be a dog park. All agree that there may be a better location in the future. Council stated they want to continue to pursue a proper location for a dog park. Miller stated that she must vote to support the work that Bill Welch has done. Roll call vote taken - Aye (Miller); Nay (Groves Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Stevenson, Tonn). **Motion failed.**

**Resolution to Recreate Anti-Harassment and Retaliation Policy. MOTION** (Groves Lloyd, Heckel) to approve Resolution 19-60. Heckel stated she reviewed the changes and is happy with the policy as written. Vote - Aye (6); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution to Authorize Approval of Omitted Tax Agreement with Lodi Industrial Properties LLC. MOTION** (Tonn, Groves Lloyd) to approve Resolution 19-64. Stevenson explained that the resolution is written in a positive manner with the City paying interest and penalties. Tonn stated that the City should not pay interest and fees that are due to the County. Roll call vote taken - Aye (0); Nay (Groves Lloyd, Hansen, Heckel, Miller, Stevenson, Tonn). **Motion failed.**

**Resolution to Authorize Signing Amendment to a Utility Easement with R.Schoenemann. MOTION** (Stevenson, Groves Lloyd) to approve Resolution 19-58. Mayor Ness explained the process that took place with Mr. Schoenemann and the City Zoning Administrator and City Attorney drawing up an agreement to amend the easement so the path is on the CSM for the zero lot line duplex. Council inquired about the small claims case and Mayor Ness stated that Schoenemann lost the case. Vote - Ayes (6); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution to Approve CSM Zero Lot Line Duplex. MOTION** (Groves Lloyd, Heckel) to approve Resolution 19-59 approving the zero lot line duplex for Mr. Schoenemann. Vote - Ayes (6); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution to Approve Frances Groves Trust and Groves Family Trust Extraterritorial Land Division and Fern Glen Farms Final Plat.** Groves Lloyd abstained from the vote and discussion. **MOTION** (Stevenson, Tonn) to approve Resolution 19-63. Due to being within a particular range of the City boundary, the City is required to review the plat. No concerns stated. Vote - Ayes (5); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting Date.** Mayor Ness reminded members that all July meetings will begin with July 9 (instead of July 2) and council will be July 23rd.

**Adjourn. MOTION** (Tonn, Groves Lloyd) to adjourn at 6:55 PM. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by: Dawn A. Collins, City Clerk