

**City of Lodi Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of August 4, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Eric Hansen, Steve Clemens (Virtual)

Staff Present: Julie Ostrander, Jennifer Sweeney, Terry Weter, Brenda Ayers

Others: Mayor Groves Lloyd

**2. Virtual Etiquette Announcement.** Stevenson reviewed the announcement.

**3. Public Input.** None.

**4. Approve Minutes of July 7, 2020 Meeting**

**MOTION** (Clemens/Hansen) to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**5. Financials.** No questions regarding financials.

**6. Recommendation on Bucket Truck Repair**

The smaller bucket truck needs repairs. There is a part that has worn out. Currently there is about \$4,000 in the line item budget. A new truck is about \$7,000. The truck is not safe without the repair. Weter recommends going forward with the repair. **MOTION** (Hansen/Clemens) to recommend approval to Common Council to increase the line item of the electric budget by approximately \$3,000 for the repair of the smaller bucket truck.

**7. Director of Operations Projects Report**

- **Update on Pond Street** – Lids for the sanitary and manhole castings have been replaced with ones that fit.
- **WPPI Elster AMI Estimate** – Weter explained how an automated metering information (AMI) system differs from the current metering system. The utility cannot afford changing to this system right away. The electric utility is considering borrowing money from WPPI with 0% interest. Construction authorization from the PSC is required for a water AMI project. They are moving forward with electric AMI meters for large customers as those will have a six to seven-month payback since we will no longer need to pay for phone lines to read those meters.
- **2021 Local Road Improvement Program** – Stevenson reminded the committee that we receive municipal vehicle registration fees to help offset road project costs. There is about \$367,000 in the fund right now. The city receives roughly \$60,000 a year for transportation purposes. The city also received funds from the state for the reconstruction of Sauk Street. The parameters have changed on how fast the project needs to be completed since the funds are considered LRIP and not MLS.
- **2021 Budget Discussion** – The capital budgets were reformatted to break out projects. AMI is included in the electric capital. Water AMI would be phased in over two or three years. Water AMI meters are estimated to cost 425,000 assuming that every meter would need to be replaced. All water AMI meters wouldn't be purchased right away. Hansen clarified that these are all starting point numbers as absolute worst-case scenarios. Weter estimates it would take 6-9 months for the PSC to give construction authority to go ahead with the water AMI project. The wastewater holding tank cover will not cost \$241,000. Instead it will cost about \$40,000. Stevenson asked how long it would take to build the vector truck. Weter clarified it will take about a year.

**8. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting is currently scheduled for September 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Stevenson discussed a time switch with the Parks Committee. Thus, the next regular meeting may be held at 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m.

**9. Adjourn**

**MOTION** (Clemens/Hansen) to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Management Analyst