

City of Lodi
Finance & Human Resources Committee
Minutes of August 11, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Peter Tonn, Eric Hansen, Steven Clemens(virtual), Suzanne Miller (virtual), and Nick Strasser

Staff Present: Julie Ostrander, Sandy Bloechl, Terry Wetter, Wayne Smith, William Nichols

Others: Mayor Groves Lloyd

2. Virtual Etiquette Announcement Stevenson reviewed virtual etiquette for the meeting.

3. Public Input: None

4. Approve Minutes: MOTION (Hansen/Clemens) to approve closed session minutes from July 14, 2020. Roll call vote taken - Aye (Hansen, Tonn, Clemens, Strasser, Stevenson); Nay (1) Miller. (Hansen/Strasser) to approve minutes from open session July 14, 2020. Roll call vote taken - Aye (Hansen, Tonn, Clemens, Strasser, Miller, Stevenson); **Motion carried.**

5. Financials

Accounts Receivable questions: Stevenson questioned who Renewable World Energies was. Utilities sold them items we weren't going to use. Hansen question Clint Smail balance – insurance check came in after the report was run. Smail balance has been paid in full.

6. General Government: Police/K9 & Asset Forfeiture Special Revenue Funds 2021 Budget

Smith started by stating he is fully staffed. 15% increase from 2020 roughly 53% is because of being fully staffed.

Requesting 2 vehicles and then the truck would go to Parks. Due to COVID and all the programs that have been cancelled there hasn't been as much OT as expected. Chief would like to use the savings from OT and purchase a vehicle this year and just one next year. About \$450 per officer for uniform allowance. Miller wanted to know about a plan for a new building – hasn't been explored. Miller also questioned having Park Rangers under his supervision – Chief didn't know anything about it. Clemens stated that he doesn't recall any discussions about Park Rangers at any of the Park Committee meetings. Stevenson suggested Park Rangers goes back to Park Committee. Ostrander said COL is 2.8% anticipating 15% increase for health ins.

K9 dormant, Tonn asked if possibly having a K9 in the future – Chief explained that the expense is so high that he doesn't see the department being able to afford a K9. Groves Lloyd suggests leaving K9 fund alone until people who donated are asked how they would like the money spent.

Asset Forfeiture budget has not changed.

Tonn pointed out that the Public Safety budget has increased significantly over the past several years. Groves Lloyd reminded everyone that in 2017 the police department was a revolving door and understaffed. Clemens stated Lodi is in the 40th percentile which is the sum of 6 years, in the early years it was underfunded.

7. Discussion/Recommendation on Conference Room (Room203) AV System Proposal

Ostrander explained that this was added on to the grant that has already been discussed for the council room.

Clemens wanted to know if the council room wouldn't be sufficient for small meetings. Ostrander & Groves Lloyd explained the benefit to update the AV system in the conference room. Clemens had concerns if we will definitely receive the money. Groves Lloyd is confident that there shouldn't be an issue receiving the grant. Tonn wondered if HVAC has been used as a cost. Groves Lloyd will look into this. Clemens asked about the status about what has

been approved for the council room. This is a new proposal and as soon as approved they will move forward. Strasser is questioning if the conference room AV system qualifies. Stevenson explained that the meetings would have been done in person, but since COVID they are being done virtually. (Stevenson/Tonn) recommend to go forward with this proposal. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Hansen, Tonn, Stevenson, Strasser, Clemens, Miller). Motion passed.

8. Discussion/Recommendation on Meeting Etiquette Policy

Groves Lloyd wanted to clarify if an alder isn't on the committee that alder needs to be recognized by the chair before they are allowed to speak. They are there to listen and can question when it comes to council. Strasser brought up concerns that if several alders are speaking at a committee meeting that are not on the committee it could be considered a majority of common council and illegal. The chair can allow a non-committee alder to speak if they choose. Miller appreciates when the Chair acknowledges and she also finds limiting conversation problematic. Hansen stated that when you are an alder you are able to act as a voice when you are on a committee.

Mayor Groves Lloyd suggested that if an alder has questions on a topic that they are not on a committee they should contact the chair prior to the meeting. Also, it does go to council and everyone then has a chance to voice their concerns at the council meeting. Miller has an issue about the flow of information.

9. Budget Timeline

Ostrander wanted everyone to note that the library budget meeting was moved and whenever there is a change you will be informed. Clemens suggested to schedule meeting invitations on outlook to every alders' calendar.

10. Director of Administration Report

None.

11. Next Meeting Date: Stevenson stated the next meeting is a special budget meeting Tuesday, August 18 at 5:00 p.m. and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjourn: MOTION (Hansen/Stevenson) to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Roll call vote taken – Aye (Hansen, Tonn, Strasser, Miller, Clemens, Stevenson). Motion passed.

Minutes by Sandy Bloechl, Accounting Manager/Treasurer