

City of Lodi
Common Council Meeting
Minutes –September 15, 2020

Present: Alderpersons Clemens (remote), Hansen, Miller (remote), Stevenson, Strasser, Tonn, Mayor Groves Lloyd
Others: Julie Ostrander, Brenda Ayers, Terry Weter, Andy Zimmer and Cody Gartman- MSA, Nancy Long- County Board Supervisor

Mayor Groves Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM in the Council Room at City Hall, 130 S Main, Lodi.

Roll call was taken – Mayor Groves Lloyd, Alderpersons Clemens, Hansen, Miller, Stevenson, Strasser and Tonn were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Groves Lloyd reviewed the virtual etiquette for the meeting.

Public Input. There was no public input.

Consent Agenda. MOTION (Stevenson, Hansen) to approve the consent agenda items, except item 6.d. Ordinance A-550 Amending CH 30-1 Meetings. Consent items included in the motion were: the minutes from August 18, 2020; Resolution 20-43 Exempting the City of Lodi From Library Tax 2021; Resolution 20-44 and Adopting 2020 Columbia County All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Stevenson, Hansen, Clemens, Miller, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.** **MOTION** (Stevenson, Tonn) to approve consent agenda item 6.d. Ordinance A-550 Amending CH 30-1 Meetings. Strasser questioned the placement of the ordinance since the section heading is Council and the amendment also references Committees. Ostrander and Ayers explained that only the Council section of the ordinances addresses meeting dates and it seems like an appropriate location until the committee section is updated. Miller inquired about the origin of the change. Mayor Groves Lloyd explained that the current practice is to move meetings to another location when they fall on an election day. She further explained once the new AV equipment is installed in Council Chambers it makes more sense to move the meeting to the following day since the alternate sites will not have the same equipment. Roll call vote – Aye (Miller, Tonn, Clemens, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Gay Street Improvement Project. MOTION (Stevenson, Hansen) to authorize the process to begin bidding the Gay Street improvement project. Zimmer introduced Gartman to the Council. The project includes street reconstruction, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water. The project also includes a six-foot wide walking path which connects to the foot bridge. Project costs will be split between Sewer, Water and Public Works Departments. Zimmer hopes to get the bid out to Quest so contractors can start looking now and start bidding before Thanksgiving. The Public Works Committee could make an award recommendation to Council for their January meeting. LRIP funds were award for this project which means the City has a certain timeline to complete the project and request reimbursement from the State. Roll call vote – Aye (Stevenson, Strasser, Tonn, Miller, Clemens, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

TID 3 Drainage Project. MOTION (Stevenson, Hansen) to authorize MSA to move forward with the project and to come back with feasible options to reduce costs. Zimmer noted that the plans are 90% complete and the estimated cost is \$230,000. It is possible that the City could purchase the large ticket materials for a cost savings of 15-18%. Zimmer recommended bidding the project at the same time as the Gay Street project to gain interest. Ostrander noted the project costs could be paid by TID 3. The annual income of the TID would cover the loan payment through 2027. Tonn expressed concerns about using TID funds for this type of a project. Concern was raised about not reviewing other options for addressing the drainage issue other than the presented plans. Other construction options were discussed including turning the park on Joyce Drive into a detention pond, reduction in design costs, changing the size of the contributing pipes and installation of softscape in lieu of a wall. Stevenson explained that other options have been explored by the City throughout the years including those that are lesser in scope. Zimmer noted a lesser scope project will not fully address the drainage issues. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Miller, Stevenson); Nay (Clemens, Strasser, Tonn). Tie vote. Mayor Groves Lloyd-Aye. **Motion carried.**

No committee reports.

Resolution 20-45 Amending 2020 General Fund Budget. MOTION (Stevenson, Miller) to approve Resolution 20-46 Amending 2020 General Fund Budget. Mayor Groves Lloyd explained she has been involved with Lodi for several years and she feels there is a need for a community-wide strategic plan. She would also like the Council to set guiding principles for the budget process. Her goal is to form a group of community leaders and Council members to form a vision for the City. She has reached out to a company that she has worked with in the past to assist with the process. The total cost is \$10,750 and she is asking for approval of the 2020 budget amendment for one half of the cost. The remainder will be budgeted in 2021. Council members questioned the need for a strategic plan when the City is in the process of updating its comprehensive plan. Mayor Groves Lloyd noted a strategic plan is more of a vision and that the broader community does not have input in the comprehensive plan. Strasser indicated he was open to the idea of the strategic plan but is concerned about committing \$10,750 to develop the plan. Clemens expressed concerns about hiring an outside firm and suggested that the City should drive the process and reach out to the community leaders. Hansen questioned the process to draw feedback from what he sees as a complacent community- as long as roads are plowed and trash is picked up, people are content. Roll call vote – Aye (0); Nay (Strasser, Tonn, Hansen, Clemens, Stevenson, Miller). **Motion failed.** Tonn suggested that the Mayor explore crowd funding for the plan. Alder Miller left the meeting.

Ordinance A-551 Amending CH 49-2 Elections. MOTION (Stevenson, Strasser) to approve Ordinance A-551 Amending CH 49-2 Elections. The purpose of the amendment was to provide a provision to move the polling place from City Hall if a resolution is adopted by the Council within 30 days of an election. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Strasser, Clemens, Stevenson, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Resolution 20-46 Establishing the Lodi United Methodist Church as the Polling Place for the November 3, 2020 General Election. MOTION (Stevenson, Hansen) to approve Resolution 20-46. Tonn questioned if the school was contacted as an alternative. Ayers reported that she had been working with the School Superintendent and with staff at the church for potential alternate polling sites. The last contact with Superintendent Breunig indicated that the Board had not decided if use of the performing arts center or gymnasium at the high school would be offered to the City. The performing arts center would not be a favorable location. The deadline to pass a resolution moving the polling place is October 4. Ayers noted she was not comfortable waiting for the school to decide. Tonn expressed his disappointment that the school was unable to provide a space to the City. Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen, Clemens); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

Mayor Report. Groves Lloyd reported on the following:

- Possible Joint meeting with Town of Lodi and Town of West Point – Weds, 9/23, 6:30 pm
- Top of Lodi status
- Kwik Trip expansion
- Project Roundups w/Andy Zimmer
- Save to Give grant
- TID meetings
- Emergency Operations Planning
- League’s Chief Executives Workshop
- League’s “Avoid Common Mistakes” Workshop (attended w/Ostrander and Ayers)
- WPPI Board of Directors meeting
- View from 202 schedule
 - Sept. 2 - Bill Welch & Ice Age Trail
 - Sept. 16 – Alex LeClair & the Lodi Public Library
 - Sept. 30 – Willow Tree Wellness Co-op (their Grand Opening is going to be on 10/10/2020)
 - Oct. 14 – Nancy Long, County Board Supervisor and Greg Kaminsky, Dir. Of Columbia County Solid Waste
 - Oct. 28 – Anna Stieve, WPPI Energy Services Rep., and Brady Steigauf, Community Energy Specialist

Next Meeting Date. The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn. MOTION (Hansen, Strasser) to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Voice vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Brenda Ayers, City Clerk

APPROVED