

City of Lodi Finance & Human Resources Committee Meeting  
Minutes of September 25, 2018

**1. Call to Order**

The Finance & Human Resources Committee meeting was called to order by Alder Stevenson at 4:30 p.m.

Committee Members present: Rich Stevenson, Eric Hansen, Paege Heckel, Suzanne Miller, Peter Tonn, and Ann Groves Lloyd

Staff present: Jennifer Sweeney, Sandy Bloechl, Scott Klicko, and Julie Ostrander

Others present: Mayor Ness

**2. Public Input:** None

**3. Minutes of September 18, 2018**

Motion by Miller, second by Heckel to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2018 Finance & Human Resources Committee meeting. Motion carried

**4. 2019 Budget Discussion**

Ostrander went over the changes from last meeting and explained that we need to stay under the levy limit. Revenue amounts were discussed. Stevenson explained that he sat with Ostrander to make suggested cuts to the budget. Tonn suggested that he doesn't think that the city can afford to have the police coverage we've tried to have in the past and asks that the Department Head (Chief) come up with a way to keep the budget flat. Discussion followed regarding the police budget. Miller doesn't agree with cutting public safety. Hansen suggested going with Option 2 but do not cut the squad car and take \$45,000 out of general fund. Heckel suggested playing with the numbers for the Longevity increases and put the merit increase off for another year until agreement can be made on how to award merit increases. Klicko explained that Ford is making changes so putting off the squad for another year may be better, but if something happens to one of the cars that need to be replaced money will need to come out of general fund. Current police vehicles are the pickup, Crown Vic., the Explorer used for training and 2 Taurus squads. It was agreed to **remove** the following from the budget:

45,000 squad car

23,000 gravel & crushed concrete

1,000 PW trees

6,250 library

36,000 mill & pave

75,000 storm sewer @ Dollar General moved to TID

30,000 Spring Creek wall moved to Strangeway

25,000 Habermann Park Restroom

10,443 merit increase

5,000 longevity

21,000 which leaves a 2% raise instead of 3%

82,462 adjustment on Levy Limit.

**5. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**6. Adjourn**

Motion by Groves Lloyd, second by Heckel to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25p.m.

These minutes have been approved.