

City of Lodi
Finance & Human Resources Committee
Minutes of September 27, 2022

1. Call to Order.

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

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Nick Strasser, Peter Tonn, Tim Ripp (virtual)

Excused: Mike Goethel, Eric Hansen

Others: Brenda Ayers, Sandy Bloechl, James Lincoln, Wayne Smith, Jennifer Sweeney (virtual), Bobby Annen Fire Chief, Nate Sievers, Fire Dept

2. Meeting Etiquette

3. Public Input

4. 2023 Budget Discussion

4.a. Fire Budget Presentation – Chief Annen stated that Engine 11 is in service, 2023 budget is an overall 3% increase, change in how fire calls are billed, instead of monthly - average the last 3 years history of fire calls and add that to levy, 2023 City portion would be \$57,836, Groves Lloyd asked when the last pay increase was granted and he thought the last was 2017, Sievers reviewed the age of some of the trucks and the game plan to replace, ordering a truck would be minimum 2 years out \$225,000 is a ballpark price, software for the new accounting system is in office expense

4.b. Police, Asset Forfeiture & K9

- **Police** - 8% increase over 2022 which majority is for wages, increase in OT, Mental health calls take 12-16 hours and have to take them to Mendota or Winnebago but have had to travel further, there is not a facility in Columbia County, attorneys' fees were cut drastically last year because dropped union negotiations
- **Asset Forfeiture** – no anticipated changes
- **K9** – proposing to purchase flashing crosswalks in 2 different intersections

4.c. Electric/Water/Wastewater Utilities – Lincoln reviewed capital items for each utility; projected electric revenue numbers are supplied by WPPI; small commercial & industrial has the highest estimated jump in revenue. For Water cash flow Sweeney pointed out that the Canning Co hasn't been operating as they had historically. Ayers suggested doing a simplified rate increase for water. Also pointed out the large Capital Project dollars and that we will need to budget for some of the costs. Suggested compiling a 10-year assessment in increase in revenue to cover debt, Stevenson reminded everyone ARPA funds are available to help pay for infrastructure

4.d. Public Works, Parks

- **PW**-Ayers reviewed the larger changes for PW, possibly creating a new position that would work in Parks, PW & Utilities (except Electric), \$90,000 placeholder for former Director of Operations position,
- **Parks** – Ayers explained the highlights; wages for the new position that would be 40% parks, and a couple 30% positions, need to control OT

4.e. Special Revenue Funds

- **Pool** – Ayers explained that the biggest item to note that in 2021 \$88,567 transferred to debt service, in 2022 transferred \$30,794 so suggesting to transfer the remaining \$57,773 back to Pool Ops, Tonn suggests having the Parks Committee discuss other avenues in 2023 meetings on what to do regarding creating revenues for the Pool, Groves Lloyd suggests Ripp meeting with her and Ayers to come up with a few proposals and bring that to the Parks Committee
- **Public Works Projects** – doubled Prop tax request to \$30,000, budgeted \$90,000 for engineering for Sauk St last year and only spent \$5900 so far this year

- **Debt Service** – \$57,773 transferred back to pool ops, Fire Truck payment is not in debt service but under Public Safety which is over \$45,000. Tonn would like more detail on each debt of what the money was spent on

5. **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting is a Meeting, Tuesday, October 11th, at 5:00 p.m. and Agenda Items Attach full budget along with the proposed cuts.

6. **Adjourn. MOTION** (Strasser, Ripp) to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Voice vote – all Ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Sandy Bloechl, Accounting Manager/Treasurer

APPROVED