

City of Lodi
Finance & Human Resources Committee
Minutes of September 29, 2020

1. Call to Order.

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

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

Excused: Suzanne Miller

Staff Present: Julie Ostrander, Sandy Bloechl, Terry Weter, Alex LeClair (virtual)

Others: Mayor Groves Lloyd, Bobbie Annen – Fire Chief, Nate Sievers– Assistant Fire Chief

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

3. Public Input. None

4. 2021 Budget Discussion

- 4.a. Fire Department – Bobby Annen
Annen reviewed the Apparatus Profile report and the Capital Plan. Mayor Groves Lloyd asked about any needs for water rescue. Annen said they do need a boat, but there is no place to store it. Hansen questioned if there is any equipment to draw water from a body of water, yes engine 10 & 12 are capable. Tonn suggests working with the city to understand what the city's cost of debt on a new station.
- 4.b. Library – Alex LeClair
LeClair reviewed the wage comparison report that was attached to the agenda. Columbia county dropped the funding from 75% to 70%. Did receive grant money to help pay for extra expenses dealing with COVID.
- 4.c. Park Development
Clemens stated that the attachment is not what is being proposed, but for discussion. Clemens suggests moving the Long Pond restoration out because he is against raising taxes for park improvements. Also questioned the need for a parks committee when there are no funds available. Stevenson suggests discussing the \$25,000 that has been earmarked for the Habermann Park restrooms at a later regular finance HR meeting instead of during budget meetings. Stevenson suggests using the extra cash that was left over from the pool being closed towards the debt payment. Clemens suggests removing all projects except the creek wall repair. Tonn suggests ADA compliant ramp to top terrace by ball diamond.
- 4.d. Debt Service
Ostrander explained that the attachment is a detail of the notes due in 2021 from the general fund. Tonn reminded everyone that any retired debt is going to be replaced by the Sauk St project. Clemens stated that he investigated other pools in the area and not one is free. Would like to reopen discussion regarding charging for the pool at a later Finance HR meeting. Clemens will investigate what other pools in the area are charging for admittance.
- 4.e. Capital Projects Requests/Borrowing Items
Stevenson stated that the worksheet is in the development stages. Strasser requested adding a line to show what is general fund and what is enterprise funds. Ostrander will also add the city costs for the fire department.

- 4.f. Updated Budget Timeline

5. **Next Meeting Date.** Stevenson stated the next meeting Tuesday, October 13th at 5:00 p.m.

6. **Adjourn. MOTION** (Hansen/Clemens) to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.
Motion passed.

Minutes by Sandy Bloechl, Accounting Manager/Treasurer

APPROVED