



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a
**City of Lodi Public Works & Utilities
Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 4,
2021 at 6:00 pm**

in the Council Room, City Hall, 130 South Main Street, Lodi, WI.

In-person attendance is limited due to social distancing protocols and masks are encouraged. Virtual attendees interested in speaking must [register](#) on the City's website 24 hours prior to the meeting start time.

Virtual Meeting Access:

<https://zoom.us/j/94945718696?pwd=YjgzL3RvcFRHNjNFM2kzZm4yNWtnQT09>

Meeting ID: 949 4571 8696 **Password:** 577811

Dial By Phone: 1-312-626-6799 (Wisconsin); 888-475-4499 (Toll-Free)

Public Works & Utilities Committee Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting Etiquette

- The meeting Chair will:
 - Identify the number of public input registrations
 - Identify Alders or staff attending remotely (Stay muted when **not** speaking)
 - Acknowledge attendees prior to speaking
- Virtual attendees should identify themselves in the chat box
- In-person attendees should sign the attendance sheet
- All attendees should raise their hand to be recognized prior to speaking
- No side conversations

3. Public Input

Must state name and address. Must be limited to items not on the agenda. Limited to two minutes unless otherwise extended. Committee's role is to listen and not discuss the item. Personnel issues cannot be discussed nor individuals named. Committee is unable to take action at this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2021

Documents:

[04-07-2021 Public Works Utilities Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

5. Update and Discussion Regarding Mills Street and Chestnut Street Railroad Bridges
6. Director of Operations Projects Report

Documents:

[Monthly Report April 2021.Pdf](#)

7. Next Meeting Date- Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6 p.m. and Agenda Items
8. Adjourn

Posted: _____
By: _____

Members: Alders Stevenson (Chair), Goethel, Hansen

Please inform the chair if you are unable to attend to ensure a quorum.

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the City of Lodi Common Council may be present at a meeting of the Public Works & Utilities Committee to gather information about subjects over which they have decision making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the city council pursuant to State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Bd., 173 Wis.2d 553, 494 N.W.2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such; although the City of Lodi Common Council will not take any formal action at this meeting.

City of Lodi Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 7, 2021

1. Call to Order

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson and Eric Hansen
Committee Members Absent: Steve Clemens
Staff Present: Julie Ostrander, Brenda Ayers, Jennifer Sweeney

2. Virtual Etiquette Announcement. Stevenson reviewed the announcement.

3. Public Input. None.

4. Approve Minutes of February 2, 2021 Meeting

MOTION (Hansen/Stevenson) to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting. Roll Call vote: Aye (Hansen, Stevenson); Nay (0) Motion carried.

5. Financials. No questions were raised regarding the financials.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Proceeding with the Electric Simplified Study

Nicole Guld from WPPI Energy presented the electric simplified rate case. There was no additional cost for WPPI Energy to prepare the rate case for Lodi Utilities except for charges from the Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC takes anywhere from six months to one year to review rate cases. The last time electric rates were reviewed was in 2018. WPPI Energy recommends considering rate increases about every three years to help prevent passing on a large rate increase to customers. This rate case is asking for a roughly 1.3% increase per year since 2018. The overall increase is 5.34% across all rate classes. The average residential customer who uses 665 kWhs would see about a \$4.40 increase per month. Commercial customers who use about 1,453 kWhs would see a roughly \$8.94 increase in their monthly bill. The proposed rates for Lodi Utilities are relatively equal to Alliant Energy's current rates. However, Guld noted that Alliant Energy is looking to also increase their rates in 2021 and the comparison does not take that increase into account. Additionally, Alliant Energy has a much larger number of industrial customers that affects the composition of their rates. Lodi Utilities could flatten out any potential electric increase through energy efficiency.

MOTION (Hansen/Stevenson) to recommend to Finance Committee approval to proceed with the electric simplified rate study. Roll Call vote: Aye (Hansen, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Approving New Load Market Pricing Tariff

Mallory Kleven from WPPI Energy presented the New Load Market Pricing Tariff. The changes to the tariff are separate from the proposed rate increase discussed in agenda item 6. The New Load Market Pricing Tariff would be filed in April as a bulk filing with 30 other WPPI Energy members, if approved. Kleven explained that they are asking for approval for changes to the load market pricing tariff language regarding existing customers in a utilities' service area who want to expand or grow their business. The current language requires an additional 500 kW load. The new language only requires an additional 400 kW load. The change in the language is to provide more of an incentive to increase load and give the customer better pricing that is closer to whole sale electric price. The change in the load requirements is to the benefit of Lodi Utilities' customers. Kleven noted that WPPI Energy would like to submit the bulk filing to the PSC April 15. A Special Common Council meeting may be called so Lodi Utilities can be included in the bulk filing.

MOTION (Hansen/Stevenson) to recommend to Common Council approval for new load market pricing tariff. Roll Call vote: Aye (Hansen, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

8. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Approving Choose Renewable Rider

Nicole Guld from WPPI Energy explained the changes to the choose renewable rider. Lodi Utilities business or residential customers can purchase renewable energy blocks from WPPI Energy to support renewable energy. Previously, the blocks were offered at \$3.00 per block with a volume discount offered when 100 blocks were purchase. WPPI Energy is offering to lower the cost of customer blocks to \$2.00 per block and offer a volume discount when 20 blocks are purchased. This change is due to improvements in renewable energy since the renewable energy blocks were originally offered. Purchasing these blocks is strictly optional but can help customers attain their renewable energy or sustainability goals. A customer helps

support investment in renewable energy by purchasing these blocks. This change will also be a bulk filing that will be submitted to the PSC at the beginning of May and is also separate from the potential rate increase discussed in agenda item 6.

MOTION (Stevenson/Hansen) to recommend to Common Council approval for the choose renewable rider. Roll Call vote: Aye (Hansen, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

9. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding a Budget Amendment (Rate Study)

Ostrander explained that this budget amendment will allow the utility to pay for filing the rate increase with the PSC. This amount was not included in the 2021 budget. The electric utility will be removing money from the fund balance to pay for the items billed from the PSC for the rate case.

MOTION (Hansen/Stevenson) to recommend to Common Council approval of a budget amendment for the rate study. Roll Call vote: Aye (Hansen, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

10. Director of Operations Projects Report

Not present – No report.

11. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

12. Adjourn. MOTION (Hansen/Stevenson) to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Management Analyst

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Director of Operations – Report

Date: 4/30/21

To: Committee(s) & Council

RE: April 2021

Parks:

We have two returning part-time employees this year, I still want to hire two more summer employees.

The Swimming pool may not be opening as the employee recruitment has been miserable, only one applicant and no applicants for Pool Manager. Positions are still advertised.

Conditions of bathrooms are:

Pool house bathrooms are being open to the public, locked at nights.

Bunker bathrooms are closed due to the need of repairs.

Habermann bathrooms need some repairs to open, target date to open Habermann is May 8.

Bathrooms at the concession stand are ready to open.

The swimming pool has some cracks in the floor, Neuman pools will be looking at them and advising on how best to repair them.

Hanging flower baskets were purchased for the downtown street lights. They were returned as the manufacturing process had the taper going the wrong direction. Still looking for other alternatives.

DNR grant was submitted for a multi-use bridge over spring creek behind the city hall. We should hear something in 6 -12 weeks, per DNR.

Nick Bilse purchased two new basketball posts, backboard, and hoops for the Fair street court. They arrived last fall and are now installed and will be finished by May 4.

Dave Ebert has donated two bike repair stations. One is being installed at Dr's park, the other is located at Habermann Park, completion date is expected by May 4.

The old basketball court and posts have been removed from Goeres East.

Shelters are being open for usage and picnic tables are being spaced out for COVID, so you may notice less than normal tables under the shelters.

All water fountains are off due to COVID regulations. The water bottle filling station will be installed by the concession stand.

The fire department performed a control burn on the rain garden. Repairs were made to some drain structures. Some of the drain pipes appear to not be functioning. We will monitor further. I have Jim Capper pricing out to install a few trees along the banks of the creek and by the highway. I also have Koltes getting me some plants to grow on the banks for ground cover and erosion control. These plants will not require much, if any maintenance.

Several trees were removed during the winter and several were planted last fall.

Waiting on a response from Brian Schmidt for an estimate to repair the Long Pond and fountain.

Wastewater:

New UV system was installed and is operational.

Work is starting on the removal and installation of the new sludge pump May 3.

Most components of the replacement skimmers have arrived, still waiting for a few main parts.

Employees are reviewing vendors for new Vector truck quotes, current unit is over 20 years old.

Water:

Exercising water valves.

New install for residential meters.

Assisting with opening the bathrooms in the parks.

Electric:

Crew has been installing the new AMI electric meters. We are having MEUW run an add for the old meters, utility may get some money out of them instead of just recycling them.

Underground for Good Sam and Elizabeth street projects are being combined into one. Most of the materials have arrived.

Utility was asked by ATC to lower some of our lines on the north side by the substation for them, they will reimburse utility for costs. This is a segment purchased from Alliant Energies.

Public Works:

Gay Street project:

All the underground utilities have been installed. The contractor for the concrete work has held off due to the cold temperatures during the night. Hopefully completion will be within two weeks.

Terrace Vista:

Mariahwynn will have the asphalt installed May 4. Sidewalks will be installed after the natural gas and electric are installed.

Railroad Bridge Crossings:

The D.O.T. and Columbia County have inspected the bridge crossings to determine their safety. At the last inspection (2020) it was reported that the Mill Street bridge has grown worst and the load limit should be changed. Since that inspection conversations with the city led to the support system to be inspected to determine the load limit and its limited usage.

Options to replace the Mill street bridge were discussed and it would require the purchase and removal of several buildings. Since that cost was too expensive, the closure to vehicle traffic was discussed and assistance with a multi-use bridge to be installed to replace this bridge.

Since this conversation the County performed an inspection on the support system and has determined that the bridge shall be closed for vehicle traffic. Permanent closure (to vehicles) is to take place within the next week or so, with pedestrian usage. Temporary closure now does not allow any traffic across the bridge deck.

Both bridges are planned to be removed in 2023 or 2024, with the cost share to the city at 5% of demolition costs. County and D.O.T. pickup most of the expenses.