

**City of Lodi Public Works & Utilities Committee Meeting
Minutes of May 7, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Dennis Crow, Sr., Mike Goethel

Others present:

Staff Present: Brenda Ayers, Jennifer Sweeney, James Lincoln

2. Meeting Etiquette.

3. Public Input. None

4. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2024.

Motion (Goethel, Crow) to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2024 meeting. Vote: Crow, Goethel, Stevenson- Aye (3); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Financials. No discussion.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Safe Drinking Water Act EPA Inspection.

Lincoln reported on the EPA inspection. It was a two-day inspection. There are five inspectors, and they do about 50 inspections across six states. They chose Lodi because of the lead exceedance, and it is a small community. The inspector was new so they didn't want to have her inspect a larger community. Lincoln covered issues the EPA identified, and acknowledged the issues already remedied.

Lincoln requested guidance for the issue regarding storage of fluoride and chlorine in the same room. Per the EPA, fluoride cannot be stored in the same room as other chemicals. It is a safety issue. The DNR had noted that both were stored in the same room, but they considered it "grandfathered" in. The first option is to build an additional room to house the fluoride elsewhere. A second option is to remove the fluoride from the water system. Either way, there is a drainage issue where the chemicals cannot drain into the sanitary system. Lincoln discussed this issue with other superintendents of water systems. Two had recently removed fluoride from their water system. Removing fluoride from water systems is now becoming fairly common. There is not a timeline for compliance; however, this problem is a safety issue. Crow noted that the DNR will let a non-conforming feature stand until something major happens at a location. Then, everything has to come up to compliance. Additionally, Crow noted that adding fluoride doesn't necessarily have a benefit since it is now in toothpaste and other products, and separate venting for two chemical rooms will increase costs.

Lincoln will discuss this issue with Town and Country and bring back options with associated costs to the next meeting so a recommendation can be made to the Economic Development, Finance, and Human Resources Committee.

7. Utilities, Streets, and Parks Superintendent Report

Lincoln reviewed activities and projects in the departments he supervises.

8. Meeting Recap

Stevenson reviewed the approvals and discussions.

9. Future Agenda Items

Stevenson stated anyone with future agenda items should contact Ayers, Lincoln, or himself.

10. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM

11. Adjourn. Motion (Crow/Goethel) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Jennifer Sweeney, Deputy Administrator

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