

City of Lodi
Committee of the Whole
Minutes of December 2, 2025

Call to Order

Stevenson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Morgan Heller, Dennis Crow Sr, Rich Stevenson, Brendan Flanagan, Tim Ripp (via Zoom)
Staff: Lanette Mayberry, Jennifer Sweeney, James Lincoln, Leda Wagner, Wayne Smith
Others: Ann Groves Lloyd, Tom Marx, Erin Kutz, Becky Mitchell, Bill Pfeil, 3rd Grade Students, Teachers, and Family Members

Roll Call - Roll call was taken. Heller, Crow, Stevenson, Flanagan, and Ripp were present.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting Etiquette - Stevenson went through the meeting etiquette.

Public Input – There was no public input.

Presentation by Lodi Elementary Third Grade Classes Regarding Covered Dugouts – Several Lodi 3rd Grade students presented their plan for better dugouts at Lodi Goeres Park. The students did research and teachers wrote grants to raise money. They spoke to a few businesses and tried many things to help make it happen. The students provided estimated costs, needing \$6000-\$8000 to meet their goal. They hope to fix as many dugouts as they can, depending on how much money they raise. They've raised around \$4500. The students explained why the dugouts are important. They stated the dugouts will provide safety and protect players from sun and weather. Logos would be added to spread Lodi Pride in our Community. The committee thanked them for their time and asked questions. They have applied for grant money from LACE and Sauk Prairie Foundation. Ripp asked for pictures of their plans which were shown on the screen.

MOTION (Flanagan/Ripp) to move forward with the project for dugouts in Goeres Park. Roll call vote was taken. Ripp-Aye, Crow-Aye, Heller-Aye, Stevenson-Aye and Flanagan-Aye. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2025 and Special Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2025

MOTION (Crow/Flanagan) to approved the minutes from October 7, 2025 and special meeting minutes from October 14, 2025. Voice Vote - All Ayes. **Motion carried.**

Financials – Stevenson wanted to go through the October 2025 remaining funds. Groves Lloyd explained that these are funds that are separate from the General Fund. They also discussed the Aged AR.

Alder Applicant Interviews for Open Seat – The committee interviewed two candidates for the open alder seat. Each candidate was asked six questions. The candidates interviewed were Erin Kutz and Tom Marx. The committee also allowed for questions from the candidates.

Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Open Alder Position Interviews – Stevenson stated score sheets from the interview will be tallied and will be given to Sweeney. Stevenson, Council President, will call the candidates with the results from the interview.

Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Remote Fire Station Agreement – Groves Lloyd led a discussion regarding the remote fire station agreement. The committee discussed their concerns about the agreement, which will be shared at the triangle meeting on Monday, December 8. There also will be a Tri-Municipal meeting on Thursday, January 22 at 6:00 PM. (Location to be determined later.) Fire Chief Nate

Sievers is in the process of creating an RFP for an engineering firm/construction company to start the process of making plans for the remote station and potential public safety building.

Lodi Area Fire Commission Update - Heller provided an update from the Lodi Area Fire Commission. He stated bills are being paid and the FD may be looking at buying a tool that can turn off a Tesla automobile in case of fire.

Lodi Area EMS Commission Update - Groves Lloyd provided an update from the Lodi Area EMS Commission. There is still no QuickBooks, access and the commission is looking for a new accountant. Brendan Flanagan will be appointed to the Commission at the December Common Council meeting, with his appointment effective on January 1, 2026.

Meeting Recap - Stevenson provided a recap of the meeting.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Adjourn - Motion (Stevenson/Flanagan) to adjourn. Voice Vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes by Lanette Mayberry – Interim City Clerk

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