

**City of Lodi**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
**Minutes –January 17, 2023**

**Present:** Alderpersons Stevenson, Goethel, Hansen (virtual), Ripp (virtual), Strasser Tonn, Mayor Groves Lloyd

**Staff Present:** Brenda Ayers, James Lincoln

**Others:** Jonathan Stefonek, Lodi Enterprise

Mayor Groves Lloyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Room at City Hall, 130 S Main, Lodi.

Roll call was taken –Goethel, Hansen, Ripp, Stevenson, Strasser and Tonn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Groves Lloyd skipped the meeting etiquette.

**Public Input.**

**Consent Agenda. MOTION** (Stevenson, Goethel) to approve the consent agenda items including: approval of minutes from November 15, 2022 and Resolution 23-01 Authorizing Write-Off of Finance Charges. Roll call vote- Aye (Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp, Tonn, Strasser, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Columbia County Supervisor Report.** None.

**Library Report.** None.

**Resolution Approving Agreement Between Lodi Schools and Lodi Police Department (Surveillance Cameras).** **MOTION** (Strasser, Tonn) to approve resolution 23-02 Approving Agreement Between Lodi Schools and Lodi Police Department (Surveillance Cameras). Hansen noted that officers will only access the cameras in event of crime investigation or an active incident. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Approving Renewal of Lease agreement (Lodi Shell).** **MOTION** (Strasser, Ripp) to approve resolution 23-03 Approving Renewal of Lease Agreement (Lodi Shell). Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Stevenson, Strasser, Goethel, Ripp, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Authorizing Restated IGA with Lodi Area Fire District.** **MOTION** (Strasser, Stevenson) to approve Resolution 23-04 Authorizing Restated Intergovernmental Agreement with Lodi Area Fire District (IGA version without mark-ups). Strasser reported that the agreement came from the Fire Commission and the Public Safety Committee recommended approval pending attorney review. The marked-up version attached to the agenda denotes the City attorney's comments which primarily clarifies text; these items are also an issue in the existing IGA. The proposed version was developed to address the following issues: clarify the district boundary in West Point, clarification on a quorum to pay bills, revises the third factor for calculating the proportionate share for the annual budget as an average of fire calls for three years and eliminates billing for fire calls, adds the Fire Chief as an official signer, requires an audit every two years and requires accounting to be performed by a bonded entity. Strasser recommended approving the original version of the IGA (non-marked up) since the Towns have already approved this version. Tonn recommended the Commission review and address the City attorney's comments within the next year. **MOTION** (Tonn, Stevenson) to amend the motion to add and to request that the Fire Commission review the marked-up version and make appropriate changes in the next year. Roll call vote – amendment- Aye (Strasser, Tonn, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.** Roll call vote –motion as amended- Aye (Goethel, Hansen, Tonn, Strasser, Stevenson, Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance to Amend Chapter 204 License Restrictions. MOTION** (Strasser, Ripp) to adopt Ordinance A-559. Hansen noted that the issue of the fence requirement for outdoor areas was raised when considering a new license for a change in ownership. He reported that Chief Smith was not in favor of fencing because you cannot see what is occurring unless you are inside the fence. In lieu of the fence, the Public Safety Committee recommends posts, signage, etc. to alert patrons of the licensed area. Hansen further reported that the committee also recommended a change in the ordinance to allow music, entertainment, etc. in the outdoor area with permission in advance from the City. Roll call vote – Aye (Goethel, Strasser, Ripp, Hansen, Tonn, Stevenson); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Authorizing Staff to Pursue and Easement Agreement with Alkar: MOTION** (Stevenson, Strasser) to approve Resolution 23-05 Authorizing Staff to Pursue Easement Agreement with Alkar (Parcel 705.3). Stevenson reported that Alkar is exploring future expansion and approached the City regarding a possible easement on this parcel. The Public Works and Utilities Committee recommends that Council authorize staff to pursue the easement with the condition that Alkar cover the associated costs. Ayers noted the draft agreement will be brought before Council prior to execution. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Hansen, Goethel, Stevenson, Strasser, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Authorizing Staff to Consult with an Engineer Regarding the Stormwater Pond near the Primary School. MOTION** (Stevenson, Goethel) to approve Resolution 23-06 Authorizing Staff to Consult with Engineer Regarding Stormwater Pond Near Primary School. Stevenson reported that the pond issue has been pondered for a while with no resolution. There have been questions regarding design versus as built, functionality and safety. The Public Works and Utilities Committee recommended that Council authorize staff to contact Mead & Hunt to obtain a task order for investigation of the pond. Roll call vote – Aye (Stevenson, Strasser, Tonn, Goethel, Ripp, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Declining the Spring Creek Bridge Grant. MOTION** (Ripp, Stevenson) to approve Resolution 23-07 Declining Spring Creek Bridge Grant. Ripp reported the grant applied for was not appropriate for this project and the costs were not well defined. Stevenson confirmed the project estimate was \$90,000 with the grant funding half. After reviewing the grant and conditions thereof, it appears the cost will be over \$150,000. Tonn expressed concerns about denying the grant without reviewing the initial application. Tonn also inquired about using the existing abutments and a wood bridge versus a concrete bridge within the scope of the grant. Goethel questioned if the bridge in this location is a priority to the City. Tonn suggested postponing action pending additional information including contacting the DNR to determine if changes can be made to the project that will still be grant eligible. Roll call vote – Aye (0); Nay (Goethel, Tonn, Ripp, Strasser, Hansen); Abstain: Stevenson. **Motion failed.**

**Resolution Approving Changes to the Revolving Loan Fund. MOTION** (Goethel, Strasser) to approve Resolution 23-08 Approving Changes to the Revolving Loan Fund. Goethel reported the limit was raised from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Also changed from Business Stimulation Program to a Business Beautification Program. Roll call vote- Aye (Tonn, Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Regarding MOU for downtown Flags. MOTION** (Stevenson, Strasser) to approve Resolution 23-09 Approving MOU Downtown Flags. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Stevenson, Goethel, Strasser, Tonn, Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Mayor Report.** In addition to the written report attached to the agenda, Mayor Groves Lloyd reported that there is a lot of great energy in the community.

**Next Meeting Date.** Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (change in date due to Spring Primary).

**Adjourn. MOTION** (Strasser, Goethel) to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Voice vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Brenda Ayers, City Clerk

APPROVED