

City of Lodi Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 7th, 2023

1. Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Committee members present: Eric Hansen, Tim Ripp, Nick Strasser

Others present: Brenda Ayers, Wayne Smith, Rich Stevenson, Jonathan Stefonek, Melissa Randall-O'Neil, Dawn Pulsfus, Doug Pulsfus

2. Meeting Etiquette

Forgone, no attendees online. With no objection, Hansen moved item 10, Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Parking on Parr St. to the top of the agenda.

3. Public Input

Dawn Pulsfus, a resident on Parr St. of 27 years addressed safety concerns regarding Parr St., to include the narrowness of Parr St. with several vehicles parked on either side & difficulty of emergency apparatus being able to navigate through parked vehicles, lighting on Parr St. which is poor, & causing safety concerns, vehicles blocking driveways and not being able to back out of her driveway without striking another vehicle, pedestrian safety, and vehicle speed. Pulsfus, as a resident on Parr St., did request a streetlight be put in, and no parking be allowed across from her driveway.

4. Approval of Minutes from January 3rd, 2023

MOTION (Ripp/Strasser) to approve the minutes of the January 3rd, 2023, meeting. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen, Ripp, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Building Permit Monthly Report

The building permit cumulative summary was reviewed.

6. ECCJMC Monthly Report

The Municipal Court Monthly Summary Report was reviewed. Only financial discussion was possible cause for fluctuation in reported numbers.

a. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Agreement for Operation of the Joint Municipal Court for Eastern Columbia County

Hansen noted agreement is a synopsis of municipalities participating in court, how the court is run, and the clerk/judge are paid out of fees surrendered. Columbus resigned from ECCJMC but was voted back in. Ayers noted the change in participants but no other changes to terms of agreement. **MOTION** (Ripp/Strasser) to recommend agreement for the operation of the ECCJMC to Common Council. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen, Ripp, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

b. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Amending Chapter 38 of the City Code

Ayers suggested wording to include, "members of the ECCJMC," rather than listing each municipality. Any time a municipality enters or leaves the ECCJMC, ordinance would have to be revised. If revision recommended for Chapter 38, only exhibit A would need to be updated once a municipality entered or left the ECCJMC. **MOTION** (Strasser/Ripp) to recommend amendments to Chapter 38 to Common Council. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen, Ripp, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

7. EMS Monthly Report

No reports provided; no discussion took place.

8. Fire Department Monthly Report

Strasser reported that a new Fire Chief was appointed, and the term was effective 2-1-2023.

9. Police Department Monthly Report

Smith reported 406 calls as of 1/30/2023. A concealed carry class was provided to members of the community. A safety talk was provided at Reach out Lodi regarding scams and personal protective safety. The asset forfeiture balance remains unchanged. The general fund came in higher than anticipated and the end of year budget, as expected, came in a little over \$37,000 under budget. Two officers were hired from the last process, both with prior law enforcement experience.

10. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Parking on Parr Street

The committee is reluctant to take action on this item until input from Fire, EMS and PD can be provided. Priority of concern from public input was on street parking, street lighting and vehicle speed. Strasser noted the committee heard from one resident and requested a polling letter be sent to all residents on Parr St., so residents were aware the committee was discussing this item and may take action at a later time. Ripp recognizes the street as being an issue & has thoughts to be brought back when a more strategic way to address concerns can be discussed. Hansen advised this agenda item would also be on the Public Works Committee agenda and recommended bringing this agenda item back to the Public Safety Committee after further discussion and polling of residents on Parr St. No action taken, no recommendation.

11. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Agreement with Columbia County Humane Society

Smith recommended approving the agreement. It has been the same agreement in place for years and the city is required to have some means to take care of these types of issues. This is the best option available to the police department and is working for the department. **MOTION** (Strasser/Ripp) to recommend agreement with Columbia County Humane Society to Common Council. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen, Ripp, Strasser); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

12. Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regularly scheduled Public Safety Committee meeting is March 7th, 2023, at 4:00pm.

13. Adjourn

MOTION (Ripp/Strasser) to adjourn at 4:57pm. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Melissa Randall-O'Neil, Administrative Assistant, Lodi Police Department