

**City of Lodi Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes of 07/06/2021**

1. Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Committee members present: Eric Hansen, Tim Ripp

Committee members excused: Nick Strasser

Others present: Mayor Ann Groves-Lloyd, Julie Ostrander, Brenda Ayers, Wayne Smith, Terry Weter, Melissa Randall O'Neil

2. Meeting Etiquette

Chair Hansen reviewed the virtual etiquette announcement for the meeting.

3. Public Input

None

4. Approve Minutes of June 1st, 2021

MOTION (Ripp/Hansen) to approve the minutes of the June 1st, 2021, meeting. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen/Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

5. Building Permit Monthly Report

The building permit year to date report was reviewed. Groves-Lloyd indicated that she was surprised there were not more single-family dwelling permits issued this year based on the amount of construction in the newer development in town. Groves-Lloyd will follow-up with Ostrander to cross reference construction taking place and permits issued.

6. ECCJMC Monthly Report

The ECCJMC financial report was reviewed. Groves-Lloyd noted that numbers are catching up to where they were two years ago. No additional discussion or questions on financials.

7. EMS Monthly Report

Reports reviewed. A brief discussion took place on mandated overtime on the weekends and the commission not being able to meet recently. No additional discussion or questions on financials.

8. Fire Department Monthly Report

Reports reviewed. Hansen inquired if Chief Annen could create a spreadsheet to compare the current year to previous year. Groves-Lloyd advised the information could be relayed to Strasser to ask Chief Annen if this would be possible. No additional discussion or questions on financials.

9. Police Department Monthly Report

Smith stated there were 640 calls for service from 6/1 to 6/30 averaging 21.3 calls per day. The Department is seeing a higher-than-average call volume which is likely due to increased traffic and the Police Department being full-staffed. The asset forfeiture and K9 balance remain

stagnant/unchanged. Income expense is on track for the year. One line item for Covid-19 supplies at 638% was offset by a grant. There is a slight increase in subscription/service/support agreements that was unanticipated, but that cost will likely be offset with other line items being under budget. No additional discussion or questions on financials.

10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Lodi St. Speed Signs

Hansen advised concerns came up regarding a heavy amount of traffic, vehicles traveling at high rates of speed and number of young kids walking in this area. The quote attached is the same amount as the last two speed signs purchased. Smith felt that there was value in the speed signs already in place and they do seem to work as a reminder to drivers to slow down. The Lodi St. neighborhood was able to raise \$3,000 to put towards the cost of the two speed signs. Groves-Lloyd discussed, "Dolly's Fund," through the Methodist Church and indicated they should know by the next HR & Finance meeting if those funds were available for this purpose. Another allocation of Dolly's Fund grant funds takes place in September and the City has their eyes open for grants to cover the remainder of costs the neighborhood could not raise. The City currently does not have funds identified for this expense and if the remaining cost were to be covered by the city, a budget amendment would be needed, and the funds would come from the general fund. When asked to clarify what Dolly's Fund was, Groves- Lloyd recited the following from an online publication:

The fund was established in December 2019 with Mr. Robert L. Thistle's gift of a million dollars in memory of his mother, Viola (Dolly) Nichols Thistle who was a devout member of the church. The church's community development grant making, revolves primarily around objectives to enhance the quality of life in Lodi and its surrounding communities. The church support efforts that help people, especially the vulnerable and marginalized, live a life of dignity and equality as their voice and presence are honored. The church also award grants in support of youth development, helping them discover how God calls them to lead lives of meaning and purpose. We also support efforts to advance the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations through the staffs and volunteer leadership development.

Additional discussion took place on whether this grant funding was broad enough to cover speed signs and that while the signage may not be a direct benefit to the Church based on the placement location, it would be a benefit to the community.

11. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding a Budget Amendment (Lodi St. Speed Signs).

MOTION (Ripp/Hansen) to recommend to Finance & HR the budget amendment for Lodi St. Speed Signs. Groves-Lloyd should have information to bring back to the next Finance & HR Committee meeting regarding any additional funding to cover the remaining cost of the signs. At that point, it will be up to Finance & HR if they want to decide to take money from the general fund to cover any remaining cost of the signs. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen/Ripp); Nay (0).
Motion carried.

12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Moving the Tuesday August 3rd Meeting to Wednesday August 4th Due to National Night Out.

Groves-Lloyd briefed the committee on the event, "National Night Out." This year, the event is being held at Haberman Park, Tuesday August 3rd from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Fair St. will be closed from Main St. to Pond St. There will be vendors, food trucks, public safety vehicles, a dunk tank and music. Prior years, alders had not been able to attend due to city meetings being the same night as National Night Out and Groves-Lloyd would like to see alders at the event. City meetings are only moved for elections and a motion was needed to move the Public Safety meeting to Wednesday August 4th at 4:00pm. **MOTION** (Hansen/Ripp) to move the Public Safety Committee meeting to Wednesday August 4th, 2021, at 4:00pm. Roll call vote taken- Aye (Hansen/Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

13. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Wednesday August 4th, 2021, at 4:00pm.

14. Adjourn

MOTION (Hansen/Ripp) to adjourn at 4:30pm. **Motion carried.**

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

APPROVED