

**City of Lodi**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
**Minutes –July 19, 2022**

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

**Excused:** Alder Tonn

**Staff Present:** Brenda Ayers, Terry Weter

**Others Present:** Jonathon Stefonek, Lodi Enterprise; Theresa Valencia, Columbia County Supervisor

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 and Strasser were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Groves Lloyd skipped the meeting etiquette since there were no members of the public signed up for public input.

**Public Input.** None.

**Consent Agenda. MOTION** (Stevenson, Strasser) to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes from June 21, 2022. Voice vote – all ayes. **Motion carried.**

**Columbia County Supervisor Report.** Theresa Valencia reported on her appointment to the Public Safety Committee. She further reported that the County is short on funds and staffing in almost every area.

**Library Report.** None.

**Public Safety Committee Report.** The committee did not meet in July. Committee reports were attached to the agenda for review.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Driveway at 228 Columbus St.** Stevenson reported that the Public Works and Utilities Committee recommended that the property owner be advised that they must finish their driveway in accordance with the ordinance. Ayers reported that the City Attorney has recommended that the property owner is given the option to apply for a waiver. **MOTION** (Stevenson, Ripp) to notify the property owners that they have 12 months to comply with the ordinance or apply for waiver. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel); Nay (0); Abstain (Strasser). **Motion carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Golf Course Encroachments.** Stevenson reported that a survey was conducted along Strangeway and Vilas Hibbard identifying encroachments on the golf course property. The Public Works and Utility Committee recommended sending letters to the property owners identifying the encroachment and notifying them that the encroachment may continue to exist until the property is sold or the encroaching item is repaired or replaced and failure to remove may cause the City to remove and associated costs will be placed on the tax bill. Property owners would also be required to sign a recordable agreement stating the same. Ayers reported that the City Attorney has advised not to require the removal upon sale provision. **MOTION** (Stevenson, Hansen) to enter into enter into an agreement with property owners stating the encroachment may remain until such a time it is destroyed, repaired, replaced or property is being sold. Failure to remove the encroachment may cause the city to remove it and assess costs on the property tax bill. Roll call vote – Aye (Stevenson, Strasser, Goethel, Ripp, Hansen); Nay (o). **Motion carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Vac Truck Price Increase.**

Stevenson reported that the City was informed of a \$31,000 increase in the vac truck purchase price days before it was ready for delivery. Ayers reported that the City Attorney agreed that the purchase agreement did not have a provision

allowing a change in price. He further advised that the City could either pay the additional costs to purchase the vac truck or pay the same amount in legal fees to possibly obtain the truck at the quoted price. Ayers noted that Weter suggested using funds budgeted in the Water and Sewer departments for a new heavy-duty truck which will not be received this year to cover the excess cost. It was noted that the purchase of the vac truck has been put off for many years and the current truck is technically past end of life. **MOTION** (Stevenson, Hansen) to enter into an intent to purchase the vac truck from BEC after clarification of the cost increase. The Mayor asked for further clarification of the motion noting that the City has already entered into a purchase agreement for the vac truck. Goethel noted the motion does not appear to address the issue at hand- we have already agreed to purchase the truck. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Stevenson); Nay (Ripp, Goethel, Strasser). **Motion failed.** **MOTION** (Strasser, Stevenson) to try to negotiate a more reasonable price with the vendor. Roll call vote- Ripp, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen, Goethel; Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Ordinance Creating A City Administrator.** **MOTION** (Strasser, Ripp) to adopt Ordinance A-558 Creating a City Administrator. Roll call vote – Aye (Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Church Use for Parcel 11246-231.12.** **MOTION** (Stevenson, Strasser) to approve Resolution 22-44 Granting CUP Church Use 216 Main St. Stevenson reported that the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the CUP. Roll call vote – Aye (Goethel, Strasser, Stevenson, Hansen, Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Consider moving into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in particular to review the performance of a City employee.** **MOTION** (Strasser, Stevenson) to Convene in Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in particular to review the performance of a City employee. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Stevenson, Goethel, Strasser, Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Reconvene into Open Session.** **MOTION** (Stevenson, Hansen) to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote – Aye (Stevenson, Strasser, Ripp, Goethel, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action Related to Closed Session.** No action was taken.

**Mayor Report.** Reported on meetings with the new owner of the canning company and a Town of Lodi Supervisor. She also reported on Community Night Out to be held on August 2.

**Next Meeting Date.** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn.** **MOTION** (Strasser, Stevenson) to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Voice vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Brenda Ayers, City Clerk