

**City of Lodi**  
**Common Council Meeting**  
**Minutes –August 17, 2021**

**Present:** Alderpersons Hansen, Goethel, Ripp, Tonn, Mayor Groves Lloyd

**Excused:** Stevenson, Strasser

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

**Others Present:** Nick Cable, Lodi Ag Fair (Virtual) and Nancy Long (County Board 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 – Mayor Groves Lloyd, Alderpersons Tonn, Hansen, Ripp and Goethel were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Groves Lloyd skipped the meeting etiquette.

**Public Input.** None.

**Consent Agenda. MOTION** (Hansen, Goethel) to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes from July 20, 2021; Resolution 21-51 Amending the 2021 Lodi Utilities Budget (Wastewater Rate Case); Resolution 21-52 Approving CVMIC Membership and Accepting Insurance Proposal; Resolution 21-53 Approving Master Service Agreement with MSA and a Special Event Permits for Lodi Ag Fair September 2-5, 2021. Roll call vote – Aye (Ripp, Hansen, Goethel, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Library Report.** Council members reviewed the written report provided by Director Alex LeClair.

**Resolution Approving Wastewater Rate Case Study. MOTION** (Goethel, Tonn) to approve Resolution 21-54 Approving Authorizing Rate Case (Wastewater). Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Resolution Adopting Emergency Operations Plan. MOTION** (Hansen, Ripp) to approve Resolution 21-55 Adopting Emergency Operations Plan. Mayor Groves Lloyd reported that the plan was last reviewed in 2012. Emergency Management Director, Russ Schafer, has been working with Police Chief and other leadership to update the plan. Roll call vote – Aye (Hansen, Goethel, Ripp, Tonn); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Discussion Regarding Adoption of a Donation Policy.** Mayor Groves Lloyd reported that currently the City does not have system for tracking donations. The policy provides for a City driven donation model. Tonn expressed a concern about returning the funds when thresholds are not met and suggested instead that the money be re-appropriated for other non-operational items in the same department. The Mayor noted that the future goal is to have a donation section on the City website. Ayers will revise the draft policy for review at the September Council meeting.

**Resolution Approving New Life Christian Church CSM to Amend Lot Lines of Parcels 11246-66.02 and 11246-195.B. MOTION** (Tonn, Hansen) to approve Resolution 21-56 Approving CSM for New Life Christian Church. Tonn reported that the Plan Commission reviewed the CSM and recommended approval. Tonn further reported that the CSM is taking a piece of lot 2, also owned by the Church, and attaching it to lot 1 to allow for expansion of the Church for the purpose of handicap accessibility. Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Goethel, Hansen, Ripp); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Lift Up Lodi Strategic Plan.** Mayor Groves Lloyd reported that in 2020 she brought forward a strategic plan proposal which was denied by the Council due to the cost. She was able to secure funding from Richard and Jean Maddrell. A group of people from the Lodi community participated in planning meetings and a retreat which resulted in the plan. In addition to the strategic plan, the group also suggested an annual day of service, the first to be held on May 14, 2022. Tonn had the following comments: 1) use of City logo and City references should not be used in the plan, as it is a community wide plan 2) the word sustainable might be confused with being “green” instead of growing in a calculated manner 3) add other service entities to the day of service (i.e. Rotary, Optimists, etc.). Alders present expressed their support of the plan. A resolution indicating the City’s support of the plan will be brought to Council in September. It was also suggested that the plan and resolution be shared with neighboring towns.

**Mayor Report.** The Mayor reported verbally on her written report attached to the agenda.

**Convene to Closed Session. MOTION** (Ripp, Goethel) to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85 1 (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (additional compensation for Treasurer and Deputy clerk during Administrator vacancy) Roll call vote- Aye (Ripp, Goethel, Tonn, Hansen); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Reconvene to Open Session. MOTION** (Hansen, Ripp) to reconvene to Open Session. Voice vote – all ayes. **Motion carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session (additional compensation for Treasurer and Deputy clerk during Administrator vacancy).** **MOTION** (Tonn, Hansen) to give the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk a 5% temporary wage increase during the vacancy of the Administrator/Finance Director. Roll call vote – Aye (Tonn, Hansen, Ripp, Goethel); Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items.** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn. MOTION** (Ripp, Tonn) to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Voice vote- all ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Brenda Ayers, City Clerk