

**City of Lodi**  
**Finance & Human Resources Committee**  
**Minutes of October 12, 2021**

**1. Call to Order.**

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: Rich Stevenson, Eric Hansen (virtual), Nick Strasser, Peter Tonn, and Mike Goethel, Tim Ripp

Staff Present: Sandy Bloechl, Brenda Ayers, Chief Wayne Smith and Lt William Nichols

**2. Virtual Etiquette Announcement.**

**3. Public Input - none**

**4. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 21 & 28, 2021**

**MOTION** (Strasser/Goethel) Approval of minutes from September 14, 21 & 28, 2021. Aye (6) Nay (0). **Motion carried.**

**5. Financials**

No comments

**6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding an Agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a Grant Funding for Seeds – Kohn Park.**

Goethel explained process for Kohn Park.

**MOTION** (Strasser/Ripp) Recommend to Council Agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a Grant Funding for Seeds. Roll Call Vote Aye – Ripp, Goethel, Tonn, Strasser, Hansen, Stevenson. **Motion carried.**

**7. 2022 Budget Discussion**

**7a. Admin** – Ayers explained the \$12,000 line item is for the new accounting software, funding for Chamber position wasn't added, boiler is being removed at this time to see if any funds available from Focus on Energy

**Clerk** – Ayers explained that the highest increase is because of more elections in 2022

**Treasury** – Bloechl pointed out that bank fees are being paid instead of receiving interest

**7b. General Government Revenue** – Ayers explained that last year our budget increased more than what was allowed and that is why the city didn't qualify for the expenditure restraint

**7c. Levy Limit** – Ayers reviewed the worksheet and levy amount is \$2,082,303

**7d. Summary Budget Report** – shows all the departments before trying to balance to the Levy Limit, shortfall is \$567,301

**7e. Budget Balancing Options** – Suggested to monitor/reduce overtime paid in parks, remove flags for cemetery, boiler cost removed, reduce Mayor membership and have Utility pay for WPPI Annual Meeting, cut 92,400 instead of 97,900 for PD so for car camera and wages, PD calls are about 500 – 600 calls a month, Tonn questioned if there was a way to increase revenue, ordinance from 2014 requires the city to obtain minimum 3 months and maximum of 6 months expenses in general fund, it was suggested by several to set goals for what each department is working toward so money can be budgeted efficiently, once the Admin Director position is filled the comp plan should be reviewed. Increase withdrawal of fund

balance to \$152,011. All other budget cuts that were suggested were agreed upon. Strasser suggests to analyze what caused the surplus in 2020 and the projected surplus in 2021. Stevenson directed to change the PD line and publish in paper.

**8. Next Meeting Date.** The next Special Meeting Tuesday, October 26th, at 4:45 p.m.

**9. Adjourn. MOTION** (Goethel/Strasser) to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Voice vote – all Ayes. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by Sandy Bloechl, Accounting Manager/Treasurer

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