

COMMON COUNCIL

March 14, 1995

City of Lodi Present: Larry Johnson, Allan Johnson, Paul Fisk, James Ness, Phil Baebler, Karla Schultz, James Mitchell

Town of Lodi Present: Charlaine Brereton, John Roth, Louis Siller, Joe Zeimet, Milo Rappe, Dan See

Town of West Point Present: Fred Thistle, Al Treinen

EMS Commission Present: Frank Groves, Tom Bader, Al Treinen, Mary Ann Johnson

Also Present: Randy J. Bukas, Mary Jean Noltner, Members of the Ambulance Crew

P. Baebler called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

R. Bukas explained the proposed extension of the Ice Age Trail. He stated the trail would come from the Lodi Marsh through downtown Lodi, to the golf course, out to Gibraltar Rock and then to the Ferry. The Trail requires a study by the National Park Service, DNR and the Ice Age Trail Foundation. The planning process is coordinated with the County and it could last 2 years. R. Bukas suggested to each of the entities that at their next meetings they pass a resolution asking the DNR, Park Service and Ice Age Trail Foundation to target Columbia County for their next study area.

C. Brereton informed the municipalities that the County will be doing some repairing of roads on Highway J and that Sunset Lane needs some repair work done also. She stated that Sunset Lane is partly in the City and she requested the City to help pay for some of the repairs. R. Bukas informed C. Brereton that the City does not own any of the road. At the time the City Limits was annexed, no part of Sunset Lane was annexed.

C. Brereton listed a few minor changes in the Policies and Procedures for the EMS. Minor changes and typographical errors were discussed. M. Rappe made a motion to accept the changes with A. Treinen making a second. Motion passed. J. Zeimet inquired if the EMS Commission could require the applicants to be 25 years. T. Bader answered "yes" and it was because of the maturity and knowledge aspect of the individual.

M. Johnson gave a budget report. She noted the ambulance was paid off in January in the amount of \$6,370.10. She stated the defibulators are in and they will be paid off when the municipalities pay their assessments. She also noted the EMS is under budget at this time.

Frank Groves stated the Interim Director is still on and that ads for a new Director are in the papers. So far there have been six responses.

J. Mitchell inquired how many EMTs there are at the ambulance. Christine Ness reported that since last August there have been nine members lost. Right now there are 12 members, but there might be a possibility of three people going on a leave of absence. Linda Brimmer stated there are 22 people on the crew. There are 13 EMTs and the rest are drivers. Discussion was had on having legal runs. On a legal run 2 EMTs are required to be on, minimum. If there are not, then they call for mutual aid and go to the accident scene. Mutual aid comes and transports the patient. L. Brimmer noted she has been trying to recruit more people for the ambulance and so far has 16 possible EMTs. It was noted that it costs approximately \$300 to train a person.

Byron Wickham came before the three entities and noted he was there as a concerned citizen. He gave letters from some of the crew members to P. Baebler and noted they were to be looked at only in closed session. He reported he had to use the ambulance a couple of times and we need the ambulance in our area. He stated they do a good job and he would hate to see them break up.

C. Brereton made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statute Sec. 19.85(1)(f) for preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person(s) involved in such problems regarding the Ambulance Commission and crew. Roll call: City of Lodi - L. Johnson, yes; J. Mitchell, yes; P. Fisk, yes; A. Johnson, yes; J. Ness, yes; K. Schultz, yes; P. Baebler, yes. Town of Lodi - C. Brereton, yes; L. Siller, yes; J. Zeimet, yes; M. Rappe, yes; D. See, yes. Town of West Point - F. Thistle, yes; A. Treinen, yes. Motion passed.

Closed Session.

A motion was made by D. See, seconded by J. Mitchell to reconvene to open session. Roll call: City of Lodi - L. Johnson, yes; J. Mitchell, yes; P. Fisk, yes; A. Johnson, yes; J. Ness, yes; K. Schultz, yes; P. Baebler, yes. Town of Lodi - C. Brereton, yes; L. Siller, yes; J. Zeimet, yes; M. Rappe, yes; D. See, yes. Town of West Point - F. Thistle, yes; A. Treinen, yes. Motion passed.

C. Brereton, on behalf of the three municipalities, thanked the EMT's for the work they have been doing. She noted the entities are supporting the Commission and Director. She stated the municipalities requested the Commission to look very carefully for a permanent director who has very strong managerial and supervisory skills. She also noted that communications should go directly to the Director/Commission, not to the three entities.

C. Brereton also stated, on behalf of the municipalities, that they recommended to the Commission to change the order of the organizational chart on the back page of the Policies and Procedures booklet. First should be the three entities, then the Commission, then the Director and then the rest of the crew, etc. Another change is that the Director should become a working member of the crew and do evaluations on the members. The last change was for disciplinary action in that it be changed from four offenses to three offenses in a year. D. See made a motion to recommend the above-mentioned changes with M. Rappe making a second. Motion passed. C. Brereton again stated how the crew is appreciated and the municipalities want residents to have an ambulance and crew they can depend on.

With no further business, L. Siller made a motion to adjourn the meeting with J. Ness making a second. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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