

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 15, 1988

REQUEST FROM FIRST
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH FOR REMOVAL
OF TREES ON THE
CHURCH STREET SIDE
OF THE CHURCH
(200 WEST OAK
STREET), APPROVED

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The City Council was advised that a letter had been received from the First United Methodist Church, 200 West Oak Street, Lodi, advising that on the Church Street side of their property are seven trees, five of which are raising the sidewalk and have caused the tree maintenance people to affect various repairs.

Further, the letter advises that this matter had been discussed by telephone with Street Superintendent Glen Baltzer. Mr. Baltzer pointed out the various rules under which his department must work in assessing whether trees are damaging to city and/or private property so as to be removed. The trees must be dead, require some root surgery, or by raising the sidewalk four to six inches.

The Church advised that the most serious matter is the damage that one large tree has caused to its sewer which empties into the city line. Last winter they spent two days and nearly \$600 in finding that the large tree was responsible for drain damage. Water backups caused damage in two areas of their buildings.

Addressing the City Council concerning the matter was Mr. Dom Di Franco, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Church.

Following discussion with questions being directed to staff and to Mr. Di Franco, the City Council, on motion of Council Member Hinchman, Reid second, approved the request of the First United Methodist Church to remove trees on the Church Street side of the church. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes : Council Members - Hinchman, Reid, and Snider
- Noes : Council Members - Olson and Pinkerton
- Absent: Council Members - None