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Mr. Bill Shively, retired police officer with the City of Lodi, addressed the Council regarding a personnel matter. Mayor Hinchman asked that the matter be discussed in a closed session of the Council at the end of the Regular Calendar.

April 29, 1985

City Council Member
City of Lodi

Dear *Mr. Pinkerton*

I am a work-related disabled retired city employee. Upon my retirement in 1980, I had benefits converted to pay up health insurance for my wife and me for 62 months. The city insurance premiums increased during this period, and I was required to pay the increases.

On may 31, 1985, the portion of my city insurance paid by the city will expire, and I find that I can no longer be in the insurance group. Personnel retired from other departments in the City are allowed to continue to have the group insurance, paying their own premiums, but Police Department personnel are not.

There would be no additional labor or funds paid out for me, and no increase in the group rate if I was allowed to stay in the group as the other city personnel are. I would simply pay the full premium of \$178.78 per month.

I am told that my request to remain under the group policy will not be considered by the city until Police negotiations in October, 1986. I feel this is unfair, since my insurance with the city will terminate May 31, 1985, and premiums for other policies will cost more per month than my retirement income, providing that I can even get insurance since having open heart surgery with five coronary grafts on March 13, 1985.

Jerry Glen referred me to the City's insurance carrier to see about their medical conversion policy. We received the literature, and these policies extend far less benefits and cost much more money, as follows:

Plan 202 CA. \$200 deductible	\$945.82/mo.
Plan 502 CA. \$500 deductible	859.34/mo.
Plan 992 CA. \$1000 deductible	791.56/mo.

Mr. Glen indicated that if retired disabled police officers were allowed to continue under the city group policy that group policy rates would be forced up. I don't believe this is so, since I am still in the group policy, and I am, I believe, the oldest disabled retired police officer. Anyone else being allowed reinstatement would be a younger officer and would not raise the average age of the group. It should also be noted that if I were dead, my wife could continue under the same city policy.

I served the City of Lodi faithfully for 18 years; and now, in this day of \$35,000 hospital and doctor bills, I am turning to you for help in this very important and serious matter of obtaining health insurance.

Thank you for your consideration of my case.

Very sincerely yours,

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