

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 1986

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REQUEST FROM VFW  
TO CALL ATTENTION  
TO U.S. MILITARY  
PERSONNEL MISSING  
IN ACTION

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Following receipt of a staff report concerning the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lodi Post 1948, to call attention to United States military personnel missing in action, Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Olson, Pinkerton second, determined that it would proclaim the week in November in which Veterans Day is observed as a week honoring United States Military Personnel missing in action and prisoners of war and that a proclamation will be presented at that time for appropriate display. Further, Council authorized that red ribbons be tied to all trees on School Street between Lodi Avenue and Lockeford Street for that seven-day period after which they would be removed.

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DATE:  
July 30, 1986

NO.

SUBJECT:

REQUEST OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

PREPARED BY: City Manager

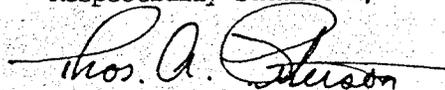
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council honor United States military personnel missing in action and prisoners of war in a special week in November.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At its regular meeting of July 2, 1986, the City Council heard a presentation by a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lodi Post 1948, concerning recognition of United States military personnel missing in action and prisoners of war during World War II, the Korean War and Viet Nam. Specifically, the request was that red ribbons be tied to all trees on School Street between Lodi Avenue and Lockeford Street, and that a special flag designed for this purpose be flown from the flag pole at City Hall. The ribbons and flag would remain on display until all such persons were accounted for. The request was referred to staff.

It is staff's opinion that such a program would be difficult to sustain and that after a time both the ribbons and the flag would go unnoticed. As an alternate approach, it is my recommendation that the City Council proclaim the week in November in which Veterans' Day is observed as a week honoring those persons and that the proclamation be presented to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for appropriate display. The red ribbons would be tied to the trees in accordance with the request for that seven-day period after which they would be removed. I discussed this alternate proposal with Mr. Mike Lapenta, president of the Board of Directors of the Lodi Downtown Business Association, two weeks ago and he is in agreement. I requested that he discuss this with his fellow board members and contact me if there appeared to be some concern. To date I have not heard from him so I am assuming this poses no problem for downtown businesses.

I have advised the Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter of this alternative and it is satisfactory with the membership. The VFW will be advised in ample time to have representation at the regular City Council meeting of November 5, 1986, to accept the presentation. A VFW representative will also be in attendance at Wednesday night's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Peterson  
City Manager

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