

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 22, 1966

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:05 p.m. of Wednesday, June 22, 1966, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL Present: Councilmen - BROWN, CULBERTSON, HUNNELL
KIRSTEN and WALTON (Mayor)

Absent: Councilmen - None

Also present were City Manager Graves, City Attorney Mullen and Administrative Assistant Peterson.

MINUTES Copies of the June 15, 1966, minutes not having been received, reading thereof was suspended on motion of Councilman Brown, Kirsten second.

CHEROKEE LANE
LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Mayor Walton asked for a report from Mr. Paul Tritenbach on a proposal to have him design preliminary landscape plans for Cherokee Lane on the north end as well as the south. Mr. Tritenbach explained that he had been retained in November of 1965 by the City to make preliminary plans for Cherokee Lane from Vine Street south, but had been waiting for an aerial map before proceeding with the plans. He expected to receive this map soon. At its last meeting the Council had shown interest in having the entire length of Cherokee Lane designed, a letter requesting that this be done having been received from the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Tritenbach suggested that the Council take its original agreement with him and enlarge it to include Cherokee Lane from Turner Road south. He said it was unlikely that the merchants and property owners in the area would be willing to spend money on planning fees, and if he could do the entire street as a unit, the cost would be substantially lower than if planned piecemeal. The original agreement was to plan Cherokee south of Vine for a fee of \$860, but if the agreement were revised to include the entire street, he would charge a fee of \$1,950. Councilman Culbertson asked if the frontage road would be included. Mr. Tritenbach said the frontage road was under State control but he would like to include it in his thinking. He said his price was based on necessary preliminary meetings with the City staff and two meetings with the merchants, one with the Planning Commission and one with the City Council. He felt this should be sufficient for preliminary plans, but if more meetings were required his fee would increase accordingly. He said when more detailed plans were needed, another cost would be charged. Preliminary planning would include plant materials, paving, etc., but not sprinkler system layout. Mr. Vernon Ekstrom, 1009 South Lee Avenue, President of the Chamber of Commerce, said the property owners and merchants were interested in a cost study and preliminary plans and would like middle street lighting if possible. On being questioned by Councilman Hunnell, Mr. Graves said the fee of Mr. Tritenbach could be paid out of the funds received from the hotel-motel tax. Councilman Culbertson moved that the proposal of Mr. Tritenbach to do the preliminary landscape planning for the entire length of Cherokee Lane for a fee of \$1,950 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

1966-67 BUDGET

LIBRARY

Mr. Graves stated that Library and Chamber of Commerce personnel had been invited to this meeting and he suggested that the Library budget be considered first. He explained that Library pension costs had been included in the General Fund Pension costs in order to facilitate the City's bookkeeping for the State Employees' Retirement System and also to alleviate the overrunning of the Library budget which has occurred over the past two years under the present 18¢ tax rate. This would lessen the need of transfers from the General Fund to the Library Fund. However, he said by this action the precise sum of the pension system would be lost on the Library, even though they could come within \$500. Members of the Council were in general agreement that they would prefer to have the budget reflect the actual expenses of the Library. In this event they would either raise the Library tax and reduce the General tax or would transfer funds from the General Fund when necessary. Mr. Robert Bainbridge, President of the Library Board of Trustees, said the Library Budget request was \$93,460 but if the Library is to take care of its pension funds, roughly \$5,200 should be added. He stated the Library wished to add one more Library Clerk and that funds for the purchase of books had been increased by \$1500. After further discussion, it was moved by Councilman Kirsten that a sufficient amount be added to the Library budget to meet its expenses for the SERS fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL
PAYMENTS

The Council then considered the City Clerk-City Council budget. Under Special Payments Mr. Graves said that \$95.60 had been spent out of the \$500 Host Fund which had been initiated in the 1965-66 Budget and administered by the Chamber of Commerce. Nothing had been put in the budget for this fund as he felt the remaining \$400 would be adequate. The sum of \$7000 had been put in the budget for the Chamber of Commerce and was the amount the Chamber was asking for this year. Mr. Les Dabritz, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, presented each member of the Council with a written summary of how the \$7000 from the City was being used during 1965-66 and how they expected to allocate that amount in 1966-67. He also presented a resume of the use of monies from the Host Fund. Questions and explanations of some of the requests followed. After discussing the Host Fund, it was moved by Councilman Kirsten that \$95.60 be restored to this fund to bring it up to the original \$500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried by unanimous vote. Since no one was present from the Junior Chamber of Commerce, consideration for this organization was continued to the next meeting.

The Council then reviewed General Charges, Contingent Fund, Subdivision Repayment and the Pension Fund. Councilman Kirsten moved that the Pension Fund be reduced by the amount which was added to the Library Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Culbertson and carried. Consideration was then given to Bond Service, City Attorney, City Manager, City Planning, Finance Department and Police Department budgets

POLICE
DEPARTMENT

During discussion of the Police Department budget, Mr. Graves said that funds had been included for an

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Assistant Poundmaster. He said that Mr. Tiede, the Poundmaster, was on the job seven days a week and that complaints were received because he was not always available at the Animal Shelter. Mr. Tiede said he had received complaints because of the holding pens and that someone was needed to answer the phone. At the present time the phone is answered in the Police Department when Mr. Tiede is not at the Shelter. Mr. Tiede can then be contacted by radio. Members of the Council were of the opinion that hiring an Assistant Poundmaster was not warranted. Councilman Culbertson moved that funds for an Assistant Poundmaster be eliminated from the Police Department budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hannell and carried. A sum of \$2500 was included in the Police Department budget for janitorial services for the Public Safety Building for the last three months of the year. The Council felt this amount should be reduced and on motion of Councilman Culbertson, Kirsten second, funds for janitorial service for the Public Safety Building were set at \$2000.

RECESS

The Council then took a five-minute recess, reconvening at 10:35 p.m.

FIRE
DEPARTMENT

The Council reviewed the Fire Department budget. Mr. Graves explained that the department would need six more firemen after the Public Safety Building was completed and the aerial rig had been acquired. Therefore funds had been allocated for six firemen for the last three months of the year.

AMERICCO
MONDAVI

Councilman Kirsten expressed his sympathy over the death of Americo Mondavi, an employee of the Parks Department and also a member of the Police Auxiliary. He suggested that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Mondavi. Mayor Walton said he would do so.

The Council then adjourned to executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:10 p.m. the Council adjourned to June 29, 1966 on motion of Councilman Brown, Kirsten second.

Beatrice Garibaldi
Attest: BEATRICE GARIBALDI
City Clerk