

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
 CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
 JUNE 22, 1955

Pursuant to the adjournment taken from its regular meeting of June 15, 1955, the City Council of the City of Lodi met at 3:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, June 22, 1955; Councilmen Fuller, Hughes, Mitchell, Richey and Robinson (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Weller was also present.

DRAINAGE
 303 ACRES

The City Manager recalled for the Council that the Mosquito Abatement District had for some time been very anxious for the City of Lodi to level and drain its 303 acre parcel used for liquid waste disposal as a means of reducing a mosquito control problem. He reported that the City Engineer had discussed the problem with Mr. Peters of the Mosquito Abatement District and the lessor of the City property, Mr. George Emde. To encourage this work, Mr. Peters has offered the City use of some of its equipment at a reasonable rate. However, since only a portion of the property presents a mosquito problem he prefers that some of the work be done by private contract. Mr. Emde has also offered the use of his equipment at a reasonable rate. Based on the estimates by the City Engineer the cost of the project as proposed would be \$14,560; however, Mr. Emde has offered to guarantee that the total cost will not exceed \$14,000, to include rough grading, fine grading, fencing of the property, installing necessary canal gates, and the installation of the necessary wells and pumps for stand-by water supply if such are required. He further agreed that his portion of the cost would not exceed \$9,360. Upon completion of the grading, Mr. Emde proposed to plant clover and beginning April 1, 1956, he would start paying the City the rent of \$20 per acre per year after which he would be willing to pay a rental of \$25 per acre per year starting April 1, 1958. Mr. Emde also proposed that the rent be prorated during the grading so that he would not be charged rent on land unavailable to him. At the present time his rent is \$2.50 per acre per year. Councilman Hughes pointed out that money spent to correct the problem of the Mosquito Abatement District is to benefit the public, while money spent to prepare the land for clover is another thing. Councilman Mitchell stated that it appeared to be a good investment on the City's part. The Council agreed to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with the project along the lines outlined.

PLANNING
 COMMISSION
 TERMS

Mr. Weller reminded the Council that the terms of Planning Commissioners Robert Fuller and Ed Walters expire June 30, 1955. He stated that he had been informed by Mr. Fuller that he did not wish to serve another term. No action was taken.

SINGER
 & RINN
 REAPPOINTED
 LIBRARY BD.

On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Richey second, the Council voted to reappoint Miss Ida E. Rinn and Mr. Lewis P. Singer to the Board of Library Trustees for terms to expire June 30, 1958.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$20,747.94 were approved on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Richey second.

HAM LANE
REPAVING

Mr. Weller presented the plans for the reconstruction and paving of Ham Lane from Lodi Avenue northward to the railroad crossing just north of Holly Drive. He stated that a request had been made to the County for sharing in the cost of the project, but definite word had not been received as yet. The question was raised as to the possibility of securing the construction of sidewalks along the route by the property owners. Although the Council agreed to the improvement in principle, no action was taken pending receipt of further information.

PROTECTIVE
ZONING
AROUND
CITY

Mr. Weller stated that Mr. C. B. Bull, Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, had discussed the proposed ordinance before the Board of Supervisors to create an A-1 Protected Zone around the City of Lodi. Mr. Bull felt that the City of Lodi should be represented before the Board of Supervisors when the matter is again considered on July 5, 1955. On a motion by Councilman Richey, Fuller second, the City Council endorsed the proposal to set up an A-1 Protected Zone around the City of Lodi. Mayor Robinson stated that he would attend the meeting of the Board of Supervisors and it would be all right if the Council wished to authorize someone else to attend also.

CITY-COUNTY
JOINT
MEETING

Councilman Hughes stated that the Mayor of the City of Tracy had suggested that the City Councils of San Joaquin County meet on a regular basis with the Board of Supervisors to discuss mutual problems. He stated that he thought there was merit in the suggestion. Mr. Weller stated that he was afraid that the group as proposed would be too large to be effective. He suggested that if meetings are to be on a regular basis that representatives from the various governing bodies be appointed and joint meetings of the entire bodies be held only when needed.

FINAL MAP
CENTURY
MANOR NO. 3

A final map of "Century Manor Unit No. 3" was approved on the motion of Councilman Richey, Mitchell second. The acceptance of the streets offered for dedication is subject to improvement of the streets to City standards before they will be maintained by the City.

RES. #1870
ADOPTEDAWARD OIL
& GREASE

Mr. Weller presented the tabulation of bids received for furnishing the City its oils and greases for 1955-56. Signal Oil Company presented a low bid of \$.544 for the oil, but the bid of the Texas Company was second at \$.545. The Texas Company presented low bid of \$.115 for both types of grease, whereas the bid from Signal Oil Company was \$.1525 and \$.1425. Based on the past year's consumption, the bid of the Texas Company will be low by approximately \$16. Resolution No. 1870, awarding the contract to the Texas Oil Company, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Richey, Hughes second.

1955-56
BUDGET

Mayor Robinson opened the discussion of the 1955-56 budget by stating that most of his questions regarding the budget had been answered the previous meeting. However, in reply to his question, Mr. Weller replied that the dog pound and the purchase of Emerson School site would not be included in the operating budget, but would come out of the Capital Outlay Fund. Mayor Robinson then stated

that the problem facing the Council at the present time is the lack of \$40,000 necessary to balance the budget, if the increase in the cost of bulk power is excluded and reserve funds are maintained on the same basis as last year. Councilman Richey asked the City Manager for a recommendation. Mr. Weller replied that his recommendation would be to adopt the budget as proposed, omitting the appropriations to the reserve funds until such time as the Council is able to work out the answers to the other problems. Mayor Robinson stated that he felt the water rates could be raised by one-third at this time and thereby balance the budget, including the amount historically appropriated to the reserve funds. Councilman Fuller stated that there is no point in raising the water rates at this time, since we do not know what will happen to the electric rates or the uniform sales tax legislation. Councilman Richey stated that she did not want to raise the water rates unless it was necessary. Councilman Hughes stated that he favored raising the water rates by \$.50 per month and placing the money in the Capital Outlay Fund. He stated that he thought the City was operating the water system too close to cost at the \$1.50 rate. Councilman Fuller stated that he was not opposed to raising the water rates, but he felt that it was six weeks too early to take such action. He added that when the City Manager could show us a need for a raise in rates he would be willing to go along with the increase. Mayor Robinson stated that he felt the Council delayed too much, and he was ready to move ahead on the question right now. Councilman Richey stated that she was not ready to decide whether the water rates should be raised. Councilman Hughes then moved, Mitchell second, that the basic water rate be raised from \$1.50 per month to \$2.00 per month. The motion carried by the following vote:

WATER RATES
INCREASED

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Mitchell and Robinson
 NOES: Councilmen - Fuller and Richey
 ABSENT: Councilmen - None

Councilman Hughes then moved, Mitchell second, that such other rates (where basic rate does not apply) be studied by the City Manager and that he make such recommendations that will make them equitable. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, June 29, 1955, on the order of the Mayor.

ATTEST:


 HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
 City Clerk